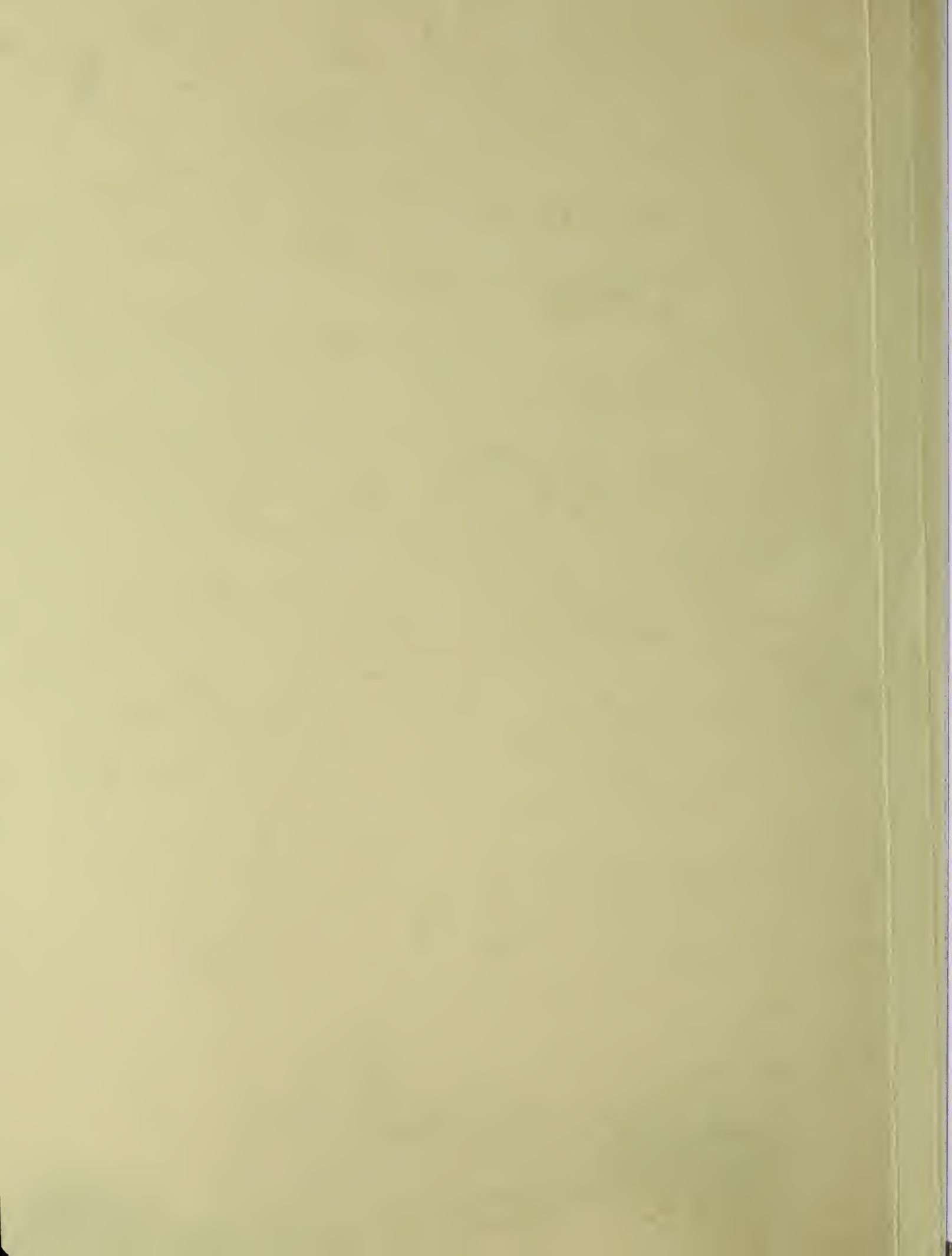


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REPRODUCING LINCOLN FAMILY FURNITURE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to a program entitled, "Reproducing Lincoln Family Furniture."

The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 23, 1984 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Mr. David Warren's talents and interests unite a life-long woodworking hobby with the scholarly investigation of Abraham Lincoln's life and times. Mr. Warren will describe and illustrate the process of accurately reproducing original Lincoln family furnishings.

The program begins with an examination of the refined furniture styles Mrs. Lincoln grew up with, as well as the more rustic furnishings built by Abraham's father. It will next show the early Victorian style of furniture Mrs. Lincoln chose for their Springfield home.

Mr. Warren will then detail his painstaking efforts to reproduce original artifacts from various periods of the Lincoln family history. He will display several examples of these meticulously accurate reproductions. Since 1967, Mr. Warren has had numerous articles published in newspapers, general interest periodicals, and "do-it-yourself" craft magazines.

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"THE REAL LINCOLN?"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon."

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 28, 1984, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

The interview will explore William Herndon's research and writings on Lincoln, which are among the most important sources of information on the life of the sixteenth President. Both the value and limitations of Herndon as a historian will be pointed out. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness.

In the interview, William Herndon will be portrayed by the Lincoln Home Historian, George Painter. He is a graduate of Duke University and has a Master's degree in history from Princeton University. An employee of the National Park Service for 14 years, Mr. Painter has served as the Lincoln Home Historian for the past seven years. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters.

The role of the interviewer will be portrayed by Lincoln Home Park Technician Thomas Shank, who has long had an interest in the Lincoln story. He formerly worked for the National Park Service at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Everglades National Park, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. A native of Indiana, Mr. Shank has both a B.A. and a M.A. in education from Ball State University.

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"THE LINCOLNS ARE LEAVING; OR, FIDO'S DIFFICULT PROBLEM"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children and their parents to enjoy a puppet show entitled, "The Lincolns Are Leaving; Or, Fido's Difficult Problem."

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 1984, at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

This interlude of puppet magic is designed to entertain and delight children of all ages. The Lincoln family dog, Fido, talks to other animals of the neighborhood. Fido wants to know whether he will be able to go to Washington when Mr. Lincoln becomes President. Through the eyes of Fido, Old Bob the Horse, Spotty the Pig, and other characters, the audience will discover a new way of experiencing the Lincoln Home story.

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BY SQUARES AND COMPASSES:

THE BUILDING OF THE LINCOLN HOME AND ITS SAGA

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a presentation by Dr. Wayne Temple. It is entitled, "BY SQUARES AND COMPASSES: THE BUILDING OF THE LINCOLN HOME AND ITS SAGA."

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, 1984 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Dr. Wayne Temple is the Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives, a Lt. General in the U.S. Army Reserve, and a former history instructor at the University of Illinois. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations.

Dr. Temple's presentation will anticipate many of the revelations contained in his forthcoming book of the same title. Based upon twenty years of meticulous research in primary sources, it will disclose many new insights concerning the construction and later history of the Lincoln Home. This will include the identity of the actual builders of the Lincoln Home.

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FALL LEAVES AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children ages 4 to 12 and their parents to enjoy a program entitled, "Fall Leaves." The festivities begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 1984, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Stories, games and songs will convey the saga of Abraham Lincoln's life, from birth through his election to the Presidency. The musical pieces will include some of Mr. Lincoln's favorites. Children will enjoy games Mr. Lincoln played with his own sons and actively participate in every phase of the festivities.

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"FINDING MRS. LINCOLN"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview with Mary Lincoln's Older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards."

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, 1984, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln, or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? This dramatized interview will explore such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of the program will discuss Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband.

In the interview, Mrs. Edwards will be portrayed by Lincoln Home employee Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in history and the dramatic arts. Mrs. Winkelmann has done extensive research on the Lincoln family in preparation for this program. She majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri, and was active with this group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 11 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as the Program Coordinator for the Historic Site.

The role of the interviewer will be portrayed by the Lincoln Home Historian, George Painter. He is a graduate of Duke University and has a Master's degree in history from Princeton. An employee of the National Park Service for 14 years, Mr. Painter has served as the Lincoln Home Historian for the past seven years. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters.

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Contact: George L. Painter
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"FACE TO FACE WITH BILLY YANK"

In observance of Veterans' Day, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "Face to Face with Billy Yank: A dramatized interview with a Civil War Soldier."

The program begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 11, 1984 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

What was it like to be in a Civil War battle? Were bullets or poor health conditions more hazardous to the lives of the soldiers? This dramatized interview will explore such topics, as well as training, daily life in camp, and the reasons why people volunteered to serve in the Civil War. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will have an opportunity to examine the weapons and accoutrements of the Civil War soldier.

Mr. Richard Schachtsiek, Superintendent of Postville Courthouse and Mount Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Sites, will portray a citizen of Springfield who volunteered to serve in the Union Army. For ten years Mr. Schachtsiek has participated in a reactivated Civil War unit, the 114th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation for six years including assignments at Lincoln's Tomb, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, and Lincoln's New Salem State Park. Mr. Schachtsiek is a past President and Vice President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

The role of the interviewer will be portrayed by Lincoln Home Historian George Painter. He is a graduate of Duke University and has a Master's degree in history from Princeton. An employee of the National Park Service for 14 years, Mr. Painter has served as the Lincoln Home historian for the past seven years. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters.

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"FINDING MRS. LINCOLN"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview with Mary Lincoln's older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards."

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, 1984, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln, or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? This dramatized interview will explore such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of the program will discuss Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband.

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"THE REAL LINCOLN?"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon."

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9, 1984, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

The interview will explore William Herndon's research and writings on Lincoln, which are among the most important sources of information on the life of the sixteenth President. Both the value and limitations of Herndon as a historian will be pointed out. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness.

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LINCOLN HOME HOLIDAY RECEPTION

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Springfield Junior League invite the public to enjoy a "Holiday Reception" from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., on Sunday, December 30, 1984.

Members of the Springfield Junior League dressed in period costumes will greet visitors to the Lincoln Home, located at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets. This will carry on the tradition of receptions held during the holiday season in 1850s Springfield. In keeping with the festive atmosphere, Mr. Edward Keating of the Illinois Department of Conservation will provide musical entertainment by playing the dulcimer.

Guests are encouraged to leave their calling cards in a basket at the front door of the Home. This was a popular custom at such gatherings in the Lincoln era. A Christmas tree and other decorations appropriate to the period will adorn the Home interior. The table in the Dining Room will be set in the style which Mrs. Lincoln would have employed for a holiday occasion.

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JANUARY THAW PARTY AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children ages 4 to 12 and their parents to escape the gloom of winter at a "January Thaw Party." The festivities will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 20, 1984, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Stories, games and songs will convey the saga of Abraham Lincoln's life, from birth through his election to the Presidency. The musical pieces will include some of Mr. Lincoln's favorites. Children will enjoy games Mr. Lincoln played with his own sons and actively participate in every phase of the festivities.

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"REMEMBERING MR. LINCOLN"

In honor of the 176th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Remembering Mr. Lincoln." The program will begin at 2 P.M. on Sunday, February 10, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

Due to limited seating capacity, the Historic Site encourages the public to make advance reservations for this free program. This can be done by calling the Visitor Center at (217) 492-4150 between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M.

The program will dramatize the last conversation between Abraham Lincoln and his law partner, William H. Herndon, in their law office. This meeting took place on February 10, 1861, the day before Lincoln left Springfield for his Presidential Inauguration. During the discussion, Lincoln will reminisce about his life, quoting from his autobiographies, letters, speeches and poetry. The program will conclude with Lincoln's moving Farewell Address to the people of Springfield.

Nationally known actor, R. Frederick "Fritz" Klein, will play the role of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Klein has portrayed Lincoln across the nation, presenting "stump speeches" on various topics in Lincoln's own words. Extensive research in The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln forms the basis for his presentations. He closely approximates the actual height and weight of the sixteenth President. Mr. Klein spends four hours on make-up before each performance, thus enhancing his own natural resemblance to the world famous President.

William Herndon will be portrayed by Lincoln Home Historian, George L. Painter. He is a graduate of Duke University and has a master's degree in history from Princeton University. His articles have appeared in both historical magazines and newsletters. Mr. Painter has played the role of William Herndon for several years in programs at the Historic Site.

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LINCOLN HOME BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

In honor of the 176th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend a Birthday Reception on Sunday, February 10, 1985.

From 2 to 4 P.M., members of the Springfield Junior League, dressed in period costume, will greet visitors in the Lincoln Home at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets. The event will carry on the tradition of the "Levee," or formal reception, which Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln held at their home in February 1861 prior to their departure for the White House. In keeping with the festive atmosphere, there will also be period decorations. For example, the table in the Dining Room will be set in the style Mrs. Lincoln would have employed for such an occasion.

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COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CANCELLATION AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In honor of the 176th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to observe a special commemorative stamp cancellation on Tuesday, February 12, 1985. In order to administer the special cancellation, the United States Post Office will set up a temporary Postal Station between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

A commemorative cacheted envelope, including a mid-nineteenth century woodcut of the Lincoln Home, appropriate postage and the special cancellation will be available at the Visitor Center Bookstore for viewing and purchase by stamp collectors and other members of the public. Throughout the year the Bookstore will continue to offer philatelic items, such as commemorative stamps related to Lincoln.

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"VARIETY MARIONETTES" AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children and their parents to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Variety Marionettes." The program begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, February 17, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

The presentation is a variety show featuring the types of marionettes children in the 1850's enjoyed. A narration will introduce sketches typical of such performances in the Lincoln era.

Professional puppeteers, DePriest Puppets, will present "Variety Marionettes." In addition to performing, their skills include writing and constructing puppets, as well as marionettes. They are members of Puppeteers of America, a professional society.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of Black History Month, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special exhibit and film. The exhibit features artifacts, photographs and text relating to the history of black church congregations in Springfield, and the role of black women in Illinois history. Exhibit materials are on loan from Mrs. Jesse Mae Finley of Springfield, and will be on display throughout the month of February in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

A film entitled, "The Boyhood of George Washington Carver," will be shown at 10 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center. The film is on loan from George Washington Carver National Historic Site in Diamond, Missouri.

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"THE ART OF QUILTING - A DEMONSTRATION"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to a demonstration of quilt-making, as performed in the Lincoln era.

Mrs. Fleta Grieme of Springfield will present the demonstration from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

Mrs. Grieme has made quilts for more than sixty years. She regularly demonstrates her skills and also organizes shows at the Clayville Rural Life Center.

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"ILLINOIS POTTERS AND POTTERY OF THE MID-NINETEENTH CENTURY"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation on "Illinois Potters and Pottery of the Mid-Nineteenth Century." Mr. Robert Sherman of Springfield will narrate the program using artifacts and slides to illustrate his discussion.

The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 10, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

Mr. Sherman has a B.A. and M.A. in history. He has been active in historic preservation for 20 years in the states of New York, Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois. His primary interest is the ethnic history of the people who settled the Midwest.

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ARCHEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site is conducting archeological excavations around three historic structures, including the Lincoln Home.

The Department of Anthropology of Northern Illinois University is performing the research under a contract administered by the National Park Service Midwest Archeological Center. Under the direction of Dr. Charles Markman and Floyd Mansberger, a crew of six project archeologists will spend four weeks investigating the Cook and Shutt Houses and Lincoln Home properties.

One purpose of the archeological research is to survey areas which might be affected by future restoration projects. The excavations are expected to yield additional information about the historic sites.

To date, a well and cistern have been uncovered behind the Lincoln Home. These investigations will help interpret the structural history of the houses, and lifestyles of the Lincoln family as well as other inhabitants of the Lincoln Home neighborhood.

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ABE LINCOLN SAMPLER QUILT AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to view an Abe Lincoln Sampler Quilt and a blanket chest which belonged to the Lincoln family. These objects will be on exhibition from May 1 to May 31, 1985, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

The Abe Lincoln Sampler Quilt is on loan from Q.U.I.L.T.S., Quilters United In Learning, Teaching, and Self-Improvement. The quilt tells the Lincoln story through motifs which symbolize specific events and associations in his life. Many of the patterns in the quilt date from the Lincoln era.

Mrs. Lincoln owned the blanket chest which will be in the exhibit. She gave it to a servant before the family left Springfield in early 1861. The blanket chest returned to the Lincoln Home, during the 1950s as a donation.

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COMMEMORATIVE STAMP CANCELLATION AND EXHIBIT

at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

In remembrance of the 120th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to observe a commemorative stamp cancellation on Monday, April 15, 1985. To administer the special cancellation, the United States Post Office will set up a temporary Postal Station between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

A commemorative cacheted envelope will be available at the Visitor Center's Bookstore for viewing and purchase by stamp collectors and members of the public. The envelope will include a 1865 view of the Lincoln Home draped in mourning, Lincoln-theme stamps, and the special cancellation. The price is \$1.50.

Throughout the year, the Bookstore will continue to offer philatelic items, such as commemorative stamps related to Lincoln. Eastern National Park and Monument Association operates the Bookstore.

In addition, a special exhibit will begin Monday, April 15, 1985 in the Visitor Center and will continue through the end of the month. The exhibit features commemorative stamps and cacheted envelopes related to the theme of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and funeral.

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LEASING OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that two historic structures within the Site will be made available for leasing. The Corneau House, which contains 1,088 square feet of floor space, and the Stuve House, containing 5,425 square feet, will be leased for low-key private business/commercial/professional use. The Corneau House is located at 428 South Eighth Street, and the Stuve House at 530 South Seventh Street.

Both structures are included on the National Register of Historic Places. As a result, a corporation or individual leasing either house may qualify for investment tax incentives. By the provisions of the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1982, lessees who lease a certified historic structure for a minimum of 15 years and rehabilitate it for income-producing purposes may qualify for a tax credit of up to 25 percent of the rehabilitation funds expended. While the exterior of the structure must be preserved, the lessee will be permitted to adaptively restore the interior of either house, subject to the restriction that major architectural features must be protected.

On March 15, 1985, the Site will issue a Request For Proposal on each house. The Prospectus will describe the two structures, as well as the tax incentives and preservation requirements of the leasing program. Copies of one or both of the Prospectuses may be obtained by calling (217) 492-4241 or writing: Superintendent, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, IL 62701.

The Corneau House will be open for inspection by prospective lessees on the following Wednesdays, from 9 to 11 a.m.: March 27, April 3, and April 17, 1985. The Stuve House will be available for examination from 1 to 4 p.m. on the same days.

The Site will hold a Pre-submission Meeting at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 1985 in the Historic Site's Conference Center located at 406 South Eighth Street. The meeting will explain the tax advantages and special requirements of the leasing program. This will also be an opportunity for prospective lessees to ask questions and obtain clarification of areas of concern.

Prospective lessees are required to submit written proposals by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 1985. Proposals must follow the criteria set forth in the Request For Proposals Prospectus. The National Park Service should complete its evaluation process by May 31, 1985.

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"GETTYSBURG ADDRESS" PRINT EXHIBIT
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to view an exhibit of prints entitled, "The Gettysburg Address." The prints are part of a folio of woodcuts and lithographs created by artist Maurice Schmidt of Kingsville, Texas. The exhibit will be on display during the month of July in the Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

As Mr. Schmidt explains the objective of the print folio: "The Gettysburg Address" comprises an essay on several levels....separate pages of woodcuts and lithographs...give a visual and verbal, physical and philosophical portrait of Lincoln, the man and the President, at the time of his classic speech."

Mr. Maurice Schmidt is a Professor of Art at Texas A & I University. He has published a book on painting and writes a weekly column of art criticism. His art works have been exhibited throughout the United States, as well as in other countries.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION ON LINCOLN TOMB
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation on the history of the Lincoln Tomb. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 1985, in the Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Mrs. Carol Andrews will present and narrate the slides. For nine years, Mrs. Andrews has served as Superintendent of Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site. This imposing structure, in Oak Ridge Cemetery, is the final resting place of Mary and Abraham Lincoln, and three of their children. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, his body was interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery at the request of Mrs. Lincoln. The monumental tomb was dedicated nine years later. The interior and exterior display a notable collection of bronze statuary.

The program includes discussion about the restoration of the statues in 1979, and other recent activities in addition to the Tomb's earlier history.

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LANTERN TOUR OF LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an evening tour of the Lincoln Home neighborhood by lanternlight at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 1985. The program will begin near the south entrance of the Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

A staff member, dressed in historical costume, will present the tour from the viewpoint of an 1860 Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. The program includes many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the Lincoln family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of Lincoln's neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.



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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Under the auspices of the Historic American Buildings Survey, the National Park Service is documenting the architecture of five historic structures at Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

The buildings under study are the Dean, Dubois, Miller, Snriqq, and Arnold Houses. During the 1850s, these structures were integral elements of the Lincoln Home neighborhood. The project will employ photographs, field measurements, and measured drawings to document existing architectural conditions in each building. This research will lay the foundation for Historic Structures Reports, which will later provide recommendations on restoration of the houses.

Under professional direction, a team of student architects and graduate students in historic architecture, is conducting the research as part of the Historic American Buildings Survey. The project will continue through the summer. At its conclusion, the Historic Site and the National Park Service Midwest Regional Office will receive copies of the drawings. All original records will be transmitted to the Library of Congress for preservation.

The Washington Office of the Historic American Buildings Survey and the National Park Service Midwest Regional Office are jointly sponsoring the project. Initiated in 1933 as a program within the National Park Service, the Historic American Buildings Survey or HABS, was the U.S. Government's first major effort to establish a comprehensive program for documenting America's historic buildings. HABS has created one of the largest collections of architectural records in the world. The Survey's collection contains over 41,000 measured drawings, 77,000 photographs, and 42,000 pages of written architectural and historical data describing 16,000 buildings throughout the nation. In documenting structures, the Survey gives priority to historic buildings owned by the National Park Service, to designated National Historic Landmarks, and to historic structures which are in danger of demolition.

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"DISCOVER LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN AND NATURE CENTER"

at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to a presentation entitled, "Discover Lincoln Memorial Garden and Nature Center."

The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Mr. William Reding, Administrator/Naturalist of the Garden, will discuss the programs and opportunities offered by the area. The presentation will show how the Garden involves the public in discovering the natural world. Mr. Reding will also illustrate the history of the Garden from its beginnings up to the present. Lincoln Memorial Garden was established in 1935 as a "Living Memorial" to Abraham Lincoln. Internationally renowned landscape architect, Jens Jensen, framed the basic design for the area.

Mr. William Reding became the Administrator/Naturalist of Lincoln Memorial Garden in February 1984. He previously served as the Director of the Whitehouse Nature Center in Albion, Michigan. Earlier in his career, Mr. Reding had experience as a librarian, science teacher, and outdoor education consultant.

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ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD BAND PERFORMS AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a performance by the 144th Illinois Army National Guard Band..

The concert begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 1985. The band will perform on the grounds of the Historic Site, between the Lincoln Home on the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets, and the Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street.

The Historic Site encourages the public to bring blankets and refreshments so they can enjoy the concert while reposing on the grass beneath the shade of a tree. This event carries on the tradition of live outdoor music which was so much a part of the world Abraham Lincoln knew.

The 144th Illinois Army National Guard Band has a full complement of 45 members. They will play a diversity of selections ranging from popular and contemporary music to military and historical pieces. The band is more than 30 years old. It will perform through the courtesy of Major General Harold G. Holesinger, Adjutant General of the State of Illinois. The Bandmaster is Warrant Officer Billy Dethrow.

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"FACE TO FACE WITH BILLY YANK"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "Face to Face with Billy Yank: A dramatized interview with a Civil War Soldier."

The program begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 16, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

What was it like to be in a Civil War battle? Were bullets or poor health conditions more hazardous to the lives of the soldiers? This dramatized interview explores such topics in addition to training, daily life in camp, and the reasons why people volunteered to serve in the Civil War. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will have an opportunity to examine the weapons and accoutrements of the Civil War soldier.

Mr. Richard Schachtsiek, Superintendent of the Postville Courthouse and Mount Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Sites, will portray a citizen of Springfield who volunteered to serve in the Union Army. For eleven years, Mr. Schachtsiek has participated in a Reactivated Civil War Unit, the 114th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation for seven years including assignments at Lincoln's Tomb, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, and Lincoln's New Salem State Park. Mr. Schachtsiek is a past President and Vice President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

The role of the interviewer is portrayed by Lincoln Home Historian George Painter. Mr. Painter graduated from Duke University with a Master's degree in history from Princeton. An employee of the National Park Service for 15 years, Mr. Painter has served as the Lincoln Home Historian for the past eight years. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters, and is co-author of a forthcoming book, Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in their Springfield Home.

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PRESENTATION OF LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM
at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation entitled, "The Reconstruction of Lincoln's New Salem" on Friday, August 30, 1985. The program begins at 2 p.m. in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Presenting the program is Ms. Lavada Smith who has served as an interpreter for sixteen years at Lincoln's New Salem State Park. She has conducted extensive research on the history of the area and its restoration. The program will illustrate the history of New Salem from Lincoln's time up to the present. It will focus on the period of the 1930's, when documentary research and oral history interviews laid the foundation for reconstruction of the community. Lincoln's New Salem State Park is administered by the Illinois Department of Historic Preservation.

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"LET THE CHILDREN HAVE A GOOD TIME"

at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program entitled, "Let the Children Have a Good Time" on Sunday, August 25, 1985. The festivities begin at 1 p.m. in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

The title of the program reflects Mr. Lincoln's motto in raising his sons, "Let the boys have a good time." The activities celebrate the birthday of the National Park Service, which was created by an Act of Congress on August 25, 1916.

As part of the program, children and their parents will meet people portraying Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln and their children. Members of the Springfield Junior League, dressed in historical costume, will assist with the program. A parade of all the participants through the Lincoln Home neighborhood will begin at 1:30 p.m. Musical accompaniment for the parade will be provided by members of the Springfield Municipal Band.

The Springfield Municipal Band will present a concert on the Site grounds between 2 and 4 p.m. During this same period, Lincoln Home staff will present Lincoln-era games and songs in the historic neighborhood. Between 1 and 4 p.m., demonstrations of quilting, woodcrafting, and chair caning will take place near the Lincoln Home.

A highlight of the program will be a "Fido Look-alike Contest." Fido was the Lincoln's family dog. The contest is limited to twenty pets. The person portraying Mr. Lincoln will select the closest look-alikes of Fido and present awards to the winners. Families can pre-register their pets by calling (217) 492-4150 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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A PRESENTATION ON THE ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES

at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a presentation by Dr. Wayne Temple on the Illinois State Archives.

The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 18, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

Dr. Wayne Temple is the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives. He will discuss the history, functions, and public services of the agency. This includes the Archives' most important historic documents or "treasures," in addition to its laboratory for the preservation and restoration of such documents. The Illinois State Archives were founded in 1921; the institution is thus older than the National Archives.

Dr. Temple is a former history instructor at the University of Illinois. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations. The title of his most recent book is By Squares and Compasses: The Building of the Lincoln Home and Its Saga.

Dr. Temple is also a Lt. General in the U.S. Army Reserves. During World War II, he served in Europe and was twice cited for action under fire. After forty years, one of these Letters of Commendation was examined by the Assistant Adjutant General of the U.S. Army and as a result, Dr. Temple was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on June 19, 1985.

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LANTERN TOUR OF LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an evening tour of the Lincoln Home Neighborhood by lanternlight at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 1985. The program will begin near the south entrance to the Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

A staff member, dressed in historical costume, will present the tour from the viewpoint of an 1860 Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. The program includes many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the Lincoln family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of Lincoln's neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

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The Springfield Advertiser Springfield, Illinois



Scaffolding surrounds the Lincoln Home in an investigation of the home's structural underpinnings

'Undercover' job under way at Lincoln's Home

There has been a rumor around town for about 129 years that Abraham Lincoln was cheated when he hired a contractor to put an addition on his house.

Not so, says Lincoln Home historian George Painter.

Lincoln's house presently is being drilled and stripped of siding here and there so its underpinnings can be prodded. So far, the addition put on the house in 1856, at a cost of \$1,300, "looks pretty good," said Painter.

The work under way isn't just an inquiry into the 19th-century contractor's integrity. Scientists and others are determining the condition of the 146-year-old house and what needs to be done to keep it standing for the next 150 years.

They also are unraveling some of those little mysteries that intrigue historians and restorers, such as whether the contractor took some shortcuts in 1856.

The investigations are part of a 2- to 3-year effort to restore the house to the appearance it had when Lincoln lived in it.

One question under consideration is the color of the house in Lincoln's time. National Park Service staff

members who are doing the investigative work now think they know.

When siding was removed on the north side of the rear of the house, the chimney that vents the rear parlor stove was found to be painted brown, a darker brown than the house is painted now.

Painter said the chimney may have been covered with siding during the 1856 enlargement of the house. The remodeling may have included an extension of the second floor, which would have affected the chimney.

Samples of the paint are being analyzed to determine whether it dates to the 1850s.

The investigators presently are working at the front of the house, and their scaffolding and plastic draping around the front door temporarily block visitors' view of the old house.

At various points, beginning at the first floor level and extending to just below the roof, siding has been removed, exposing the interior structure. (After work is completed for the day, plastic sheets shield the open areas.)

The work has exposed brick columns, called "noggings." Painter said the noggings served the pur-

pose of discouraging rodents from entering the space between the outer and inner walls and also provided some insulation. Walnut boards were used in constructing the house.

Some of the floor joists don't fit as snugly as they should against the uprights, according to Painter, and some adjustments will have to be made. The Park Service also is concerned about strengthening the floor supports, which aren't strong enough to ensure preservation of the house, Painter said.

So about halfway through their investigation, Park Service researchers know a good deal about the things that must be done to preserve the 146-year-old house.

"The big challenge is eventually the installation of humidity (control) and air conditioning," said Painter.

Environmental controls are necessary to preserve the antique furniture and other furnishings in the home.

The investigation of the home's structural underpinnings will include opening up the exterior walls on the south and east sides. As work is completed, the siding is replaced. To the casual observer, that leaves no trace of the temporary dismantling.

Similar kinds of work are going on inside the house. Tiny holes have been drilled into the plaster of each room to get samples for analysis, which will help determine exactly where the addition was made.

When Lincoln moved into the home in 1844, the parlors were heated by fireplaces. He had them closed and stoves installed, Painter said. The fireplaces also are being reopened as part of the Park Service's inquiry.

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LANTERN TOUR OF LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an evening tour of the Lincoln Home neighborhood by lanternlight at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 27, 1985. The program will begin near the south entrance of the Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

A staff member, dressed in historical costume, will present the tour from the viewpoint of an 1860 Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. The program includes many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the Lincoln family.

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"BISON AND BEARS, WEASELS AND WOLVES--A PARK TO CALL HOME"

The program will focus on wildlife in the National Parks in the western United States and the role of the National Park Service in preserving wildlife habitats. The presentation emphasizes participation and will include slides and opportunities for "hands-on" experiences.

Ms. Karla Tanner will present the program. She draws upon eight years experience with the National Park Service, and in particular, upon first-hand observations of wildlife during assignments at Saguaro National Monument in Arizona, Bryce Canyon in Utah; and Mount Rainier National Park in Washington.

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The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children and their parents to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Bison and Bears, Weasels and Wolves--A Park to Call Home."

The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 1985 in the Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

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"LINCOLN'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a presentation by Dr. Wayne Temple entitled, "Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal."

The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street. Dr. Temple will discuss revelations from his new research on Abraham Lincoln's relationship to the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Dr. Temple was commissioned by certain members of Congress to prepare a book in conjunction with the establishment of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor as an affiliated area of the National Park System. The forthcoming book is entitled, Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal, his Return from Congress in '48, and his Invention.

Dr. Wayne Temple is the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives and a former history instructor at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations. The title of his most recent book is, By Squares and Compasses: The Building of the Lincoln Home and its Saga. Dr. Temple is also a Lt. General in the U.S. Army Reserves. During World War II, he served in Europe and was twice cited for action under fire. After forty years, one of these Letters of Commendation was examined by the Assistant Adjutant General of the U.S. Army and resulted in the award of a Bronze Star Medal to Dr. Temple on June 19, 1985.

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"AMERICA'S DECISIVE MOMENT: LINCOLN AND THE ELECTION OF 1860"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Sangamon County Historical Society invite the public to enjoy a presentation by Dr. Robert W. Johannsen entitled, "America's Decisive Moment: Lincoln and the Election of 1860." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

The program commemorates the 125th anniversary of Lincoln's election to the Presidency in 1860. Dr. Johannsen will stress the significance of Lincoln's election to the country and to Lincoln himself. The program will focus on Abraham Lincoln, but view him in a broader context of this climatic event in the turbulent politics of mid-nineteenth century.

Dr. Robert W. Johannsen serves as J.G. Randall Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. He is a recognized authority on the Lincoln period. His books include: The Lincoln-Douglas Debates of 1858; To the Halls of Montezumas: The Mexican War in the American Imagination, and an acclaimed biography of Stephen A. Douglas, which won the Francis Parkman prize.

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"THE LINCOLNS ARE LEAVING OR FIDO'S DIFFICULT PROBLEM"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children and their parents to attend a puppet show entitled, "The Lincolns are Leaving or Fido's Difficult Problem."

The program begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street. This interlude of puppet magic is designed to entertain and delight children of all ages.

The Lincoln family dog, Fido, talks to other animals of the neighborhood. Fido wants to know whether or not he will be able to go to Washington when Mr. Lincoln becomes President. Through the eyes of Fido, Old Bob the horse, Spotty the pig, and other characters, the audience will discover a new way to experience the Lincoln Home story.

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"FINDING MRS. LINCOLN"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a program entitled, "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview with Mary Lincoln's Older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards."

The program begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 17, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street.

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? This dramatized interview explores such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of this program discusses Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband.

In the interview, Mrs. Edwards is portrayed by Lincoln Home employee Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts. Mrs. Winkelmann has conducted extensive research on the Lincoln family in preparation for this program. She majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri and was active with the group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 12 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as Program Coordinator for the Historic Site.

The role of the interviewer is played by Mr. Marc Burt who recently transferred to Lincoln Home National Historic Site from Glacier National Park in Montana. Marc's previous assignments with the National Park Service include Curecanti and Coulee Dam National Recreation Area. A native of Muncie, Indiana, Marc is a graduate of Ball State University.

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LINCOLN HOME VISITOR CENTER CLOSED FOR THREE DAYS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces the closing of the Park Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 28, 29, and 30, 1985. The closing is required to install new exhibits in the lobby area. The Lincoln Home will remain open.

Beginning on Thursday, October 31, 1985, the Visitor Center will resume normal operating hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closing on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

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NATIONAL PARK WILDLIFE FILMS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on the wildlife of the National Parks. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 1985 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"Denali Wilderness" presents the spectacular wildlife of Denali National Park in Alaska from the vantage point of an eagle, flying over the landscape.

"The Prairie," illustrates the fauna of Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota, including bison, pronghorn, elk, and prairie dogs. The two films last approximately 45 minutes in combination.

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FILMS ON WESTWARD EXPANSION AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on the role of westward expansion in American history. The program begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 7, 1985 in the Visitor Center, located at 426 South 7th Street.

"Golden Spike" is a historical account of the building of the first trans-continental railroad by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific in the 1860's. President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation authorizing the building of the railroad. This is the official film of Golden Spike National Historic Site in Utah, a unit of the National Park System.

"Time of the West" presents views of the American West during the era from 1803 to 1890. In combination, the two films last approximately 45 minutes.

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"THE REAL LINCOLN?"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a dramatized interview with Lincoln's law partner and biographer. "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon" begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 15, 1985. The presentation will be held in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The interview explores William Herndon's research and writings on Lincoln, which are among the most important sources of information concerning the life of the sixteenth President. Both the value and limitations of Herndon as a historian will be pointed out. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness.

William Herndon is portrayed by Lincoln Home Park Ranger Thomas Shank, who has maintained a long-term interest in the Lincoln story. His previous National Park Service experience includes assignments at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Everglades National Park, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. A native of Indiana, Mr. Shank has both a B.A. and M.A. in education from Ball State University.

Park Ranger Karla Tanner will portray the interviewer. She is an alumnus of San Jose State University in California. In 1977, Ms. Tanner began her career in the National Park System by interpreting the history of early settlers in Yosemite National Park. Subsequent assignments include such diverse areas as Saguaro National Monument, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Bryce Canyon National Park, and Mount Rainier National Park.

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CHANGE IN HOURS OF OPERATION FOR LINCOLN HOME AND VISITOR CENTER

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces a change in the hours of operation beginning January 2, 1986. The Lincoln Home and Visitor Center will be open on a seven day a week basis from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Home and Visitor Center are closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

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"LINCOLN HOME HOLIDAY RECEPTION"

The National Park Service at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Junior League of Springfield cordially invites the public to enjoy a "Holiday Reception" at the Lincoln Home, located at the corner of 8th and Jackson Streets. The hours are from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 29, 1985.

Members of the Junior League will be dressed in period costume to greet visitors. This carries on the 1850's tradition of receptions held in Springfield through the holiday season.

In addition, the Junior League is decorating a Christmas tree in the Home. Other appropriate period decorations will adorn the interior. The dining room table will be set in the style Mrs. Lincoln would have used for such a holiday occasion.

Guests are encouraged to leave their calling cards in a basket at the front door of the Lincoln Home. This was another popular custom at such gatherings in the Lincoln era.

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AMERICAN HISTORY FILMS

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning exciting events in the American past. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"DeSoto - Legacy of a Legend," retraces the 4,000 mile trek of Hernando DeSoto's expedition through the southern United States during the early 16th century. Narrated by Fernando Lamas, the film features specially commissioned art plates depicting the events of the expedition. Filming was done at the actual sites DeSoto's band of conquistadors visited.

"A Few Well Conducted Men," recounts the exploits of George Rogers Clark and his intrepid band of soldiers during the American Revolution. This National Park Service film recreates Clark's daring expedition across 240 miles of flooded landscape to surprise the British at Vincennes, Indiana. Clark's victory eventually led to the Northwest Territory becoming part of the United States.

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JANUARY THAW PARTY

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children age 4 to 12, and their parents to escape the gloom of winter at a "January Thaw Party." Festivities begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 1986 in the Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

Stories, games and songs convey the saga of Abraham Lincoln's life from birth through his election to the Presidency. The musical selections include some of Mr. Lincoln's favorites. Children will actively participate in every phase of the festivities, and will enjoy games Mr. Lincoln played with his own sons.

Concluding the party will be a showing of an animated film entitled, "The Lorax." The Lorax is a Dr. Seuss character who uses up all the trees. The film presents the challenge of natural resource preservation in an entertaining and engaging manner.

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FILMS ON NATIONAL PARKS AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy three films concerning America's National Parks. The length of the three films totals one hour and twenty-three minutes. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"John Muir's High Sierra" portrays the journeys of the famous conservationist in the high Sierras of California around 1869. Excerpts from Muir's diaries are interwoven with views of the spectacular scenery through which he travelled. The film depicts Muir's influence on the National Park movement, and his important role in the establishment of Yosemite National Park. This outstanding production was nominated for an Academy Award.

"A Change of Seasons" captures the wildlife and natural beauty of Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota.

"Birch Canoe Builder" portrays the craft and art of a man who resides in the vicinity of a National Park and constructs canoes from birch bark, cedar planks, and spruce roots. His pursuit of traditional canoe construction is the culmination of many years studying and enjoying the forest world.

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"THE LINCOLNS ARE LEAVING, OR FIDO'S DIFFICULT PROBLEM"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children and their parents to enjoy a delightful puppet show entitled, "The Lincolns are Leaving, or Fido's Difficult Problem."

The program begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 26, 1986 at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

This interlude of puppet magic is designed to entertain children of all ages. The Lincolns' family dog, Fido, talks to other animals of the neighborhood. Fido wants to know whether he will be able to go to Washington when Mr. Lincoln becomes President. Through the eyes of Fido, Old Bob the horse, Spotty the pig, and other characters, the audience discovers a new way to experience the Lincoln Home story.

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"ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY"

In honor of the 177th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program on February 9, 1986. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Visitor Center located at 426 South 7th Street.

Actor, R. Frederick "Fritz" Klein, will portray Abraham Lincoln, a role he has played throughout the United States. Mr. Klein will utilize passages from Lincoln's speeches and writings to dramatize the life of the sixteenth President. The Springfield College in Illinois choir will perform musical selections which played an important role in Mr. Lincoln's life.

Mr. Klein is an actor, public speaker, and Lincoln look-alike. He portrays Lincoln across the nation, presenting "stump speeches" on various topics in Lincoln's own words. Mr. Klein has extensively researched The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, the basic resource for his presentations. He closely approximates the actual height and weight of the world-famous President. Mr. Klein spends four hours on make up before each performance, thus enhancing his own natural resemblance to Abraham Lincoln.

Springfield College in Illinois has long been recognized for the quality of its Music Department. Mrs. Alice Gutierrez, an instructor in the Music Department, is Choir Director. Most of the members are music majors at the college. Songs include "Barbara Allan," "Skip to my Lou," "Battle Cry of Freedom," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR FILMS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to view two films about the American Revolution. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"Americans - 1776" portrays everyday life during the American Revolution. Crafts, lifestyles, and differences of attitude among various groups of society are examined.

"Checkmate on the Hudson" depicts the Battle of Saratoga. This American victory over the British in 1777 was the turning point of the Revolution, and one of the decisive battles in world history. Many of the scenes were filmed at Saratoga National Historical Park in New York.

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LINCOLN HOME BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

In honor of the 177th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service invites the public to attend a Birthday Reception on Sunday, February 9, 1986.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., members of the Junior League of Springfield will be dressed in period costume to greet visitors to the Lincoln Home at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets. This event carries on the tradition of the "Levee," or formal reception which Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln held at their home in February 1861 before departing for the White House. In keeping with the festive atmosphere, live music will also be performed and the Home will be appropriately decorated, such as the Dining Room table, which will be set in the style Mrs. Lincoln would have employed for such an occasion.

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"LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION AND JOHN WILKES BOOTH,
AS DEPICTED IN THE THEATER ARTS"

In observance of the 177th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service invites the public to enjoy a multimedia presentation by Mr. Richard Sloan. The program, entitled "Lincoln's Assassination and John Wilkes Booth, as Depicted in the Theater Arts," begins at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

Mr. Sloan has been a Lincoln enthusiast since boyhood. He edited and published a newsletter called Lincoln Log for five years before becoming a contributing columnist for Lincoln College's Lincoln Newsletter. Since 1981, he has served as President of the Lincoln Group of New York. In his professional life, Richard Sloan is an audio engineer with the ABC Television network in New York.

The program traces depictions of the assassination and John Wilkes Booth by playwrights from the 1860's to the present day. It examines nineteenth-century melodrama, silent movies, talking films, radio dramatizations of the 1940's, and television docu-dramas. More than 200 slides are included, as are taped excerpts from radio shows and segments of movies. In developing this presentation, Richard Sloan has drawn upon ten years of research, in addition to his own unique collection of materials concerning plays which portray Lincoln and Booth.

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"MEET THE AUTHORS"

at Lincoln Home National Historic Site

In observance of the 177th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to "Meet the Authors" of Lincoln-related publications.

Mr. Thomas J. Dyba and Historic Site Historian George L. Painter joined forces to co-author Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home. They will be available to discuss and autograph their works between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and again between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

Mr. Dyba is the Executive Vice President of Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Illinois. Mr. Painter is Historian at Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Other publications of the authors include "The Story of the Only Home Abraham Lincoln Ever Owned" by Mr. Dyba, and "Mr. Lincoln's Neighborhood: A Self-guiding Experience" by Mr. Painter.

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CIVIL WAR FILMS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two Civil War films at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 15, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

"SHILOH: PORTRAIT OF A BATTLE" depicts one of the most significant military engagements of the Civil War. This bitter fight in April 1862 prepared the way for Major General U.S. Grant's successful siege of Vicksburg. Many of the scenes were filmed at Shiloh National Military Park in Tennessee.

"WILSON'S CREEK: A MEAN FOWT (sic) for "fought" FIGHT" recreates the Confederate victory in southern Missouri on August 10, 1861. The battle culminated in severe losses on both sides. This was the first major engagement west of the Mississippi.

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FILMS ON HISTORY AND NATURE
IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning historical and natural features of the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"OUR TREASURED LANDS" visually presents 34 areas of the National Park Systems. Scenes range from teeming wildlife and scenic splendor, to battlefields and historic houses such as the home of George Washington Carver. Astronaut Wally Shirra narrates the film.

"RED SUNDAY" presents the story of Custer Battlefield National Monument in Montana. The famous Little Big Horn battle took place here on a Sunday in June 1876. Lt. Colonel George A. Custer and about 268 of his forces lost their lives in this engagement between the U.S. 7th Cavalry and the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne Indian nations under the leadership of Sitting Bull.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH OBSERVANCE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to observe Black History Month by attending a slide program and film. The program will be presented on Sunday, February 23, 1986 at 2 p.m. in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The program focuses on black Americans and their contributions to history. The slide show discusses areas of the National Park System connected with black history. The film features contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King and his place in history.

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"WOMEN'S HISTORY AND HISTORIC HOUSES:
THE CASE OF THE DAVID DAVIS MANSION"

In observance of National Women's History Week, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend a special presentation by Dr. Richard Taylor. The program is entitled, "Women's History and Historic Houses: The Case of the David Davis Mansion," and will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

Richard Taylor earned his Ph.D. at Northern Illinois University (NIU) and has taught at NIU and Sangamon State University. He is the author of numerous articles on American religious and intellectual history. Dr. Taylor serves as Chief of Technical Services, Historic Sites Division, for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He is responsible for researching and developing interpretive programs for state Historic Sites, including most recently, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices.

Dr. Taylor's presentation is based on conclusions arrived at during his research and writing of the Interpretive Plan for the David Davis Mansion in Bloomington. He summarizes his thesis as follows: "Given the Victorian doctrine of separate spheres with its well-defined roles for men and women, the interpretation of historic houses should, in most cases, focus on the women rather than their more famous husbands, for whom the houses are often named."

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY WEEK OBSERVANCE

In observance of National Women's History Week, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a dramatization, "A Woman's Place," and film "She's Nobodys Baby" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 9, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"A WOMAN'S PLACE" dramatizes a conversation between the lady of an 1850's middle-class home and her hired girl. They discuss the roles and lifestyles of women in the Lincoln period with an emphasis on class differences and limitations nineteenth-century society placed upon all women. Park Ranger Judith Winkelmann portrays the lady of the house. Ms. Winkelmann attended Quincy College, combining strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts. She was among the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri in which she played an active role for 8 years. The hired girl is played by Park Ranger Karla Tanner. Ms. Tanner is an alumnus of San Jose State University. She began her Park Service career interpreting the history of early settlers in Yosemite National Park and has appeared in numerous Historic Site dramatizations.

"SHE'S NOBODY'S BABY" is a professionally produced film narrated by Alan Alda and Marlo Thomas. This film examines contemporary changes in women's lives and values, the impact of technical and industrial changes in the home and work place, evaluates the forces that made particular women famous in their era, and places modern feminists' thinking into historical perspective.

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NORTH AMERICAN GEOLOGY FILMS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films about North American geology. The program begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 1986 in the Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

"THIS LAND" presents the story of North America's geological development. The film takes viewers on a journey back 500 million years through time to watch the birth of the North American continent. Animated paleogeographical maps depict the shifting distributions of land and sea during each geological era.

"THE RISE AND FALL OF THE GREAT LAKES" is a provocative and humorous survey of the ecological and geological transformations of the Great Lakes. Accompanied by narration in ballad form, the film combines animation, live action and special effects. In one of the numerous entertaining episodes, sudden changes in land levels leave a traveler alternately submerged underground and then stranded on a mountain peak.

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"ILLINOIS' GEOLOGIC FOUNDATION"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an illustrated presentation by Christopher J. Schuberth entitled, "Illinois' Geologic Foundation." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 16, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

Since 1977, Christopher J. Schuberth has served as Associate Curator of Education at the Illinois State Museum. Prior to this appointment, he served 17 years as Lecturer in Geology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. He is the author of a forthcoming book entitled, A View of the Past: An Introduction to Illinois Geology.

Mr. Schuberth describes the theme of his presentation as, "A record of geologic events for Illinois is known from about 1.5 billion years ago. At that time, powerfully erupting volcanoes dominated the landscape. Tropical seas teeming with life, swamplands covered with thick forests, and mile-high ice sheets followed thereafter. Each in their distinctive way profoundly altered the Illinois terrain."

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FILMS ON HISTORIC VILLAGES IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on historic villages preserved in the National Park System. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"THIS IS FREDERICA" presents a costumed drama, filmed on location at Fort Frederica National Monument. The site preserves remains of an early British colony on St. Simons Island in Georgia. Actor John Ireland guides the audience through scenes showing life in an early eighteenth century village, and describes the role of Fort Frederica in the Anglo-Spanish struggle for control of what is now the southeastern United States.

"HOPEWELL VILLAGE" portrays skills and crafts which played an important role in nineteenth century rural American villages. Filmed at Hopewell Village National Historic Site in Pennsylvania, scenes include the making of a horseshoe and a sand mold for casting molten iron, the preparation of a meal in an open fireplace, and operation of a typical company office/store of the period.

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FILMS ON NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

GLACIERS AND VOLCANOES

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on glaciers and volcanoes in the National Park System. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"GLACIER BAY--THE GRAND DESIGN" captures the scenic magnificence of Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska. The film describes glacier formation and development. It also traces the natural succession of plant and animal life following a glacial retreat.

"HAWAII VOLCANOES" features the spectacular eruptions of Kilauea and Mauna Loa in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Scenes include fountains of lava cascading through the air and rivers of molten rock plunging into the sea. The film also depicts the diversity of animal life and luxuriant and often rare vegetation found at lower elevations in the Park.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR FILMS

The National Park Service at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films about the American Revolution. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 1986 at the Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

"TO KEEP OUR LIBERTY" traces events in America from 1763 to 1775 through the eyes of a colonist who is sympathetic to the patriotic cause. Beginning with the situation in England, the film portrays the tension in the colonies which led to the break with the mother country, culminating in the first armed conflict at Lexington and Concord.

"PRIVATE YANKEE DOODLE" depicts the activities of a Revolutionary War soldier during the period 1778 to 1781. The film accurately recreates life in the early American military.

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FILMS ON RECREATION AREAS IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films about recreation areas within the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA" is narrated by baseball star Phil Rizzuto. The film illustrates how Gateway, with its beaches, marshes, islands, and adjacent waters in the New York harbor area, offers urban residents a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

"A PLACE OF BEING" depicts the range of recreational experiences to be enjoyed at Lake National Recreation Area in Nevada. Original music by jazz guitarist Charlie Byrd supports visual impressions of boating, waterskiing, and camping amidst the striking scenery of Lake Mead.

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NATURE AND HISTORY FILMS ON CALIFORNIA'S CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films about Cabrillo National Monument in San Diego, California. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 19, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" recounts the exploration of the California coast in the sixteenth century by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. Narrated by actor Fernando Lamas, the film features specially commissioned oil paintings. The original musical score was inspired by sixteenth century compositions.

"CALIFORNIA GRAY WHALE" describes the natural history of one of the world's largest animals. Each winter the migration of gray whales past Cabrillo National Monument provides visitors with a grand spectacle. The migration is part of the longest known for any species of mammal.

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ICE AGE ANIMALS IN ILLINOIS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an illustrated presentation by Dr. Jeffrey A. Saunders at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 20, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The program describes and illustrates the large mammals such as mammoths, mastodons, giant beaver, and stag moose, which flourished in Illinois during the Ice Ages. Dr. Saunders will also discuss the manner in which these animal remains came to be preserved, and how the fossils can now reveal much about the vegetation and climate of the era in which the creatures lived.

Since receiving his doctorate from the University of Arizona in 1975, Jeffrey Saunders has served as Associate Curator of Geology at the Illinois State Museum. He has conducted extensive research on mastodon and mammoth fossils found in Illinois and adjacent states. Dr. Saunders is the author of numerous articles, as well as a book about Ice Age animals, published by the Illinois State Museum.

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FILMS ON PETRIFIED FOREST AND GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films about the Petrified Forest National Park and the Grand Canyon National Park. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"STONE FOREST" is a beautifully photographed portrait of Petrified Forest National Park. The film depicts the changing moods of the desert and the story of petrification, the process by which fallen trees turn to stone.

"IN THE BEGINNING" dramatically presents geological processes through an examination of rock layers found in the Grand Canyon. The film shows how the features of the National Park can be used to tell the story of the formation of the earth's crust.

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"SPRING BUDS" at

Lincoln Home National Historic Site

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children and their parents to celebrate the coming of spring and the birthday of Abraham Lincoln's youngest son, Tad, in a special program beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 1986 in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The program features stories, games, and songs. All convey impressions of Abraham Lincoln's life with his family in Springfield. Musical selections include some of Mr. Lincoln's favorites. Children can enjoy the same games Mr. Lincoln played with his sons, and will actively participate in every phase of the festivities.

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SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENATORS CONCERT BAND

PERFORMS AT HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy the annual spring concert by the Springfield High School Senators Concert Band on May 4, 1986. The performance begins at 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Historic Site, across Eighth Street from the Lincoln Home.

The public is encouraged to bring refreshments and carry on the tradition of outdoor musical events so popular in the Lincoln period. The selections of music range over the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries, from Antonio Vivaldi's "Concerto in B Flat," and Franz Von Suppe's "Light Cavalry Overture," to a medley of songs by Benny Goodman.

The Conductor of the Springfield High School Senators' Concert Band is Mr. Paul A. Van DeVoort.

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WESTERN PLAINS NATURE AND HISTORY FILMS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy three films on the history and nature in the western plains. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"LIFE IN THE GRASSLANDS" was photographed at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. The film portrays interrelationships among indigenous species of wildlife, such as bison, pronghorn, coyotes, and prairie dogs. The effects of grass fires upon the ecosystem are also illustrated.

"CHARLES M. RUSSELL, 'AN AMERICAN ARTIST,'" recounts the frontier experiences of painter Charles M. Russell's artistic depictions of life on the western frontier and have become recognized as classics.

"ARIZONA STRIP" describes cattle ranching on the open range. The film also portrays the lifestyle of a vanishing breed--the cowboy on horseback.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON RECREATION IN ILLINOIS

The Illinois Park Districts Association announces that the Director of the National Park Service, William Penn Mott, Jr., will be the Keynote banquet speaker at the Governor's Conference on the Economic Significance of Recreation in Illinois. The conference takes place in Springfield from April 29 through May 1, 1986.

As Director of the National Park Service, William Penn Mott, Jr., oversees administration of the 337 areas which comprise the National Park System throughout the United States.

At Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the National Park Service has recently completed the design and installation of new exhibits for the Lincoln Home Visitor Center. The principal goal of the new design plan is to provide the public with increased awareness and enriched understanding of all the Lincoln sites in the greater Springfield area. Four of these historic sites are administered by the State of Illinois; one is privately operated, and one is a National Park Service area. The new exhibits exemplify cooperation between federal, state, and private agencies in providing service to the public, which is also the focus of the Governor's Conference on Recreation in Illinois.

In addition, the Bookstore in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center will not only continue to provide the public with one of the most complete selections of Lincoln-related publications in the nation, but will be the first bookstore in any National Park Service area to offer visitors information about all of the 337 areas in the National Park System.

As part of the Conference activities, sculptor John Frank, Sr. will present to Governor James Thompson his bronze work portraying Lincoln as "The Prairie Lawyer." The presentation takes place the morning of Wednesday, April 30, in conjunction with the Governor's Keynote Address. Mr. John Frank has been sculpting Abraham Lincoln in wood and bronze for over fifty years. His works have been exhibited in many museums, art galleries, and historic sites; three of his bronzes were recently added to the important Lincoln collection at Meiser University in Tokyo, Japan. Later in the conference, Governor Thompson will present the bronze "Prairie Lawyer" to the National Park Service for permanent display in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center. This passage of the sculpture from the hands of the artist to those of Governor Thompson and from the Governor to the National Park Service will symbolize the partnership between private, state, and federal sectors which the new Visitor Center exemplifies and which is one of the central themes of the Governor's Conference on the Economic Significance of Recreation in Illinois.

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FILMS ON ARCHES AND ACADIA NATIONAL PARKS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Arches and Acadia National Parks. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"ARCHES NATIONAL PARK" portrays the unusual geological formations of this area in Utah. Extraordinary products of erosion in the form of giant arches, windows, pinnacles, and pedestals change color constantly as the sun moves overhead.

"ACADIA NATIONAL PARK" captures the scenic grandeur of the rock-bound coast of Maine. The sea sets the mood here, uniting the rugged coastal areas of Mount Desert Island (highest elevation on the eastern seaboard), picturesque Schoodic Peninsula on the mainland, and the spectacular cliffs of Isle au Haut.

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"ICE AGE PEOPLE IN THE MIDWEST"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an illustrated presentation by Dr. Russell W. Graham entitled "Ice Age People in the Midwest". The program begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

Dr. Graham will describe and illustrate how the first humans in North America arrived, and the types of environments they encountered. The program includes a discussion of the methods used by these early inhabitants to hunt large animals alive during the Ice Ages, such as mammoths and mastodons. Theories that such hunting may have contributed to their extinction will be examined.

Since receiving his doctorate from the University of Texas, Russell W. Graham has served as an Associate Curator of Geology at the Illinois State Museum. He has conducted extensive research on the early human inhabitants of North America, the environment in which they lived, and possible causes of the extinction of Ice Age animals. Dr. Graham is the author of numerous articles on these topics.

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NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM FILMS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films of the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"OUR LIVING HERITAGE" tells the story of America through views of the National Park System. The film encompasses human and natural history; its photography captures both architectural landmarks and the scenic grandeur of the National Parks.

"GOING TO CADES COVE" was photographed at Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina. The film provides a sprightly half hour of traditional music, humor, and storytelling of the southern Appalachians.

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FILMS ON OLYMPIC & GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARKS

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Olympic and Grand Teton National Parks. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 14, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"Olympic National Park" portrays a mountain wilderness in the state of Washington. The area contains the finest remnant of Pacific Northwest rain forest, active glaciers, rare Roosevelt elk, and 50 miles of scenic, wild ocean shoreline.

"Grand Teton National Park" depicts the most impressive part of the Teton Range in Wyoming. This series of blue-gray peaks rising more than a mile above the sagebrush flats was once a noted landmark for native Americans and "mountain men." The area includes the winter feeding ground of the largest American elk herd.

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FILMS ON GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHPLACE
AND INDEPENDENCE HALL

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning the historic significance of George Washington's Birthplace in Virginia and Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The program begins at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 31, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"George Washington's Birthplace - - A Childhood Place" portrays the many influences in colonial tidewater Virginia which may have shaped young George Washington's character. Photographed at George Washington Birthplace National Monument, the film relates the background of Washington's family, which had been influential in the Virginia colony for several generations.

Directed by John Huston, "Independence" recreates the epoch-making events which occurred in Philadelphia in 1776. The film was photographed at Independence Hall and other locations within Independence National Historical Park, a unit of the National Park System.

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FILMS ON ARCHES AND EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARKS
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Arches and Everglades National Parks. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"Arches National Park" portrays the unusual geological formations of this area in Utah. Extraordinary products of erosion in the form of giant arches, windows, pinnacles, and pedestals change color constantly as the sun moves overhead.

"Everglades National Park" depicts the largest remaining subtropical wilderness in the coterminous United States. The abundant wildlife in this area of southern Florida includes alligators, panthers, and rare and colorful birds.

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"PRESERVING THE PAST AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a conducted walk through the Lincoln neighborhood entitled, "Preserving the Past at Lincoln Home National Historic Site." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The program will be repeated at 2:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:
June 22 and 29, 1986.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site encompasses four city blocks in downtown Springfield. Surrounding the Lincoln Home, an Historic Zone preserves 12 homes of Lincoln's neighbors from 1860.

The conducted walk will focus on methods employed by the National Park Service to preserve and restore these structures and to recapture the appearance and atmosphere of the neighborhood which the Lincolns knew.

Another focus of the program will be the Lincoln Home architectural preservation project, a comprehensive approach to insuring the preservation of this internationally significant historic structure for the benefit of future generations.

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TWILIGHT TOURS OF LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

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A member of the staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of the Lincolns' neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

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FIRST PREHISTORIC FARMERS IN ILLINOIS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an illustrated presentation by Dr. Mark A. McConnaughay entitled, "First Prehistoric Farmers in Illinois." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The program describes and illustrates the manner in which early native Americans in the midwest developed corn agriculture. The resulting social transformation will be traced, including the growth of simple agricultural societies into the complex social system represented by Cahokia Mounds and other mound builder communities. Dr. McConnaughay will examine a variety of archeological sites which illustrate these important developments in Illinois' prehistory.

Since receiving his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1979, Mark A. McConnaughay has served as a Research Associate in Archeology at the Illinois State Museum. He has conducted extensive archeological research at Cahokia Mounds, as well as other sites in Illinois, eastern states, and the countries of Jordan and Peru. Dr. McConnaughay is the author of numerous articles and research reports describing the results of archeological excavations in which he has participated.

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FILMS ON LEHMAN CAVES NATIONAL MONUMENT AND PLATT NATIONAL PARK

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Lehman Caves National Monument in Nevada and Platt National Park in Oklahoma. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"Lehman Caves" employs beautiful underground color photography to explain the formation of these caverns and their special features. The film provides a better understanding of the beauty and importance of the great caves of America.

"Oklahoma Oasis" portrays the natural beauty of Platt National Park, as well as the colorful history connected with its establishment. The narration by Chief Dan George dramatically presents the feelings of native Americans toward this land.

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FILMS ON NATIONAL PARKS

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning America's National Parks. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"Magnificence in Trust" portrays three of Alaska's National Parks. Scenes include glaciers crumbling and seals playing among the icebergs of Glacier Bay National Monument; leaping salmon, massive brown bears, and smoldering volcanoes at Katmai National Monument; and the splendor of North America's highest peak forming a backdrop for teeming wildlife at Denali National Park.

"John Muir's High Sierra" portrays the journeys of the famous conservationist around 1869 in the high Sierras of California. Excerpts from Muir's diaries are interwoven with views of the spectacular scenery through which he traveled. The film depicts Muir's influence on the National Park movement, and his important role in the establishment of Yosemite National Park. This outstanding production was nominated for an Academy Award.

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EXHIBIT OF "PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTIES" QUILT

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to view a quilt entitled, "Purple Mountain Majesties," which was created in observance of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty. The quilt will be on exhibition during the month of July in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street. The Visitor Center is open everyday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m..

The work was designed and stitched by Patricia L. Cooper of Middletown, Illinois. She created it for a national quilt contest with the theme of "Liberty, Freedom, and the Heritage of America in Honor of the Statue of Liberty." The quilt is being considered for inclusion in the 1987 edition of the book, Great American Quilts.

The mountains which grace the log cabin mural quilt were inspired by the lyrics of "America the Beautiful," as reflected in the quilt's title, "Purple Mountain Majesties." An original interpretation of a traditional log cabin design, the quilt is bordered with polished cotton in a bearded wheat pattern. Mrs. Cooper employed a stalk of wheat as inspiration; then, she developed an original method for transferring the pattern to the quilt without marking the fabric with a pencil.

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"PRESERVING OUR PAST AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a conducted walk through the Lincoln neighborhood entitled, "Preserving Our Past at Lincoln Home National Historic Site." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 6, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The program will be repeated at 2:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: July 13, 20, and 27, 1986.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site encompasses four city blocks in downtown Springfield. Surrounding the Lincoln Home, an Historic Zone preserves 12 homes of Lincoln's neighbors from 1860.

The conducted walk will focus on methods employed by the National Park Service to preserve and restore these structures and to recapture the appearance and atmosphere of the neighborhood which the Lincolns knew.

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FILMS ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
AND REVOLUTIONARY WAR

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning the Statue of Liberty and Revolutionary War. These films are presented in observance of the centennial and rededication of the Statue of Liberty. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 4, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street. The program will be repeated at 3:30 p.m. on July 4 and at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 5, 1986.

"Statue of Liberty" probes the history and meaning of the famous landmark in New York harbor. The 152 foot copper statue bearing the torch of freedom was a gift of the French people in 1886 to commemorate the alliance of the two nations in the American Revolution.

"To Keep Our Liberty" traces events in America from 1763 to 1775 through the eyes of a colonist who is sympathetic to the patriotic cause. Beginning with the situation in England, the film portrays the tension in the colonies which led to the break with the mother country, culminating in the first armed conflict at Lexington and Concord.

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"LINCOLN, LIBERTY, AND LAZARUS"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff on Lincoln and the meaning of the Statue of Liberty. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 4, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

The title of Dr. Fischhoff's lecture is "Lincoln, Liberty, and Lazarus." Emma Lazarus was the poet whose famous work adorns the base of the Statue of Liberty.

Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff is a noted scholar and educator in the humanities. He has taught at such institutions as Hunter College, Lynchburg College, the University of Wisconsin, College of William and Mary, and, most recently, Sangamon State University. Dr. Fischhoff has written, edited, and translated several books relating to the intellectual history of Western civilization.

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FILMS ON THE NATIONAL PARKS

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning America's National Parks. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"National Parks - - Nature's Last Frontier" portrays some of the spectacular natural and scenic areas of the National Park System. These include Bryce Canyon, Everglades, Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and Grand Teton National Parks.

"Land Eternal" captures the vastness of Denali National Park in Alaska. In addition to Mount McKinley, North America's highest mountain, the National Park includes thriving populations of caribou, moose, Dall sheep, grizzly bears, and timber wolves.

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A member of the staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

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FILMS ON EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning American history during the Revolutionary and early national periods. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"Americans - 1776" depicts the everyday life of people during the time of the American Revolution. Crafts, lifestyles, and differences of attitude among various groups in early American society are represented.

"The Beginning" is an animated motion picture which focuses on the era when Federal Hall in New York City served as the seat of government. The inauguration of George Washington as the first President is among the events portrayed.

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FILMS ON GEORGE WASHINGTON
AND GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning George Washington and George Washington Carver. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 1986 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street.

"George Washington Carver" portrays the life of the famous agronomist. The film includes footage of Dr. Carver at work in his laboratory during the early 1930's.

"George Washington's Headquarters" captures historic events at the Ford Mansion in Morristown, New Jersey, where Washington maintained his headquarters during the winter of 1779-1780. This was the most severe winter of the Revolutionary War.

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Lincoln home closing for restoration

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Abraham Lincoln's house will be closed to tourists for 15 months beginning this fall so workers can install comforts the 16th president never enjoyed — air conditioning and humidity control.

The 20th-century addition is part of a renovation aimed at helping the 146-year-old house and its antique furnishings withstand prairie summers and the tread of an estimated 500,000 tourists each year.

Restorers also will reinforce or replace sagging beams and deteriorated fabric. Workers intend to leave the house looking as it did in 1860, the year Lincoln was elected president.

Officials of the National Park Service, which runs the home, had planned to keep it open, but decided to close it beginning in late October or early November because of the likelihood of safety hazards and delays.

Lincoln, then a prosperous lawyer and former state legislator, bought the two-story frame house in 1844 for \$1,500. He lived there with his wife and four sons until 1861, when the family moved into the White House. It is the only house Lincoln ever owned.

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FILMS ON THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AND THE GREAT LAKES

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy three films on the National Park System and the Great Lakes. The program begins at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"Our Living Heritage" tells the story of America through views of the National Park System. The film encompasses human and natural history; its photography captures both architectural landmarks and the scenic grandeur of the National Parks.

"Sleeping Bear Dunes" portrays the National Lakeshore in Michigan. Features depicted include beaches, forests, lakes, massive sand dunes, and two off-shore islands in Lake Michigan.

"The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes" is a provocative and humorous survey of the geological and ecological transformations of the Great Lakes. Accompanied by narration in ballad form, the film combines animation, live action, and special effects. In one of the numerous entertaining episodes, sudden changes in land levels leave a traveler alternately submerged, buried underground, and stranded on a mountain peak.

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FILMS ON WESTWARD EXPANSION

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on the role of westward expansion in American history. The program begins at 2:15 p.m. Saturday, September 13, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South 7th Street.

"Golden Spike" is a historical account of the building of the first trans-continental railroad by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific in the 1860's. President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation authorizing the building of the railroad. This is the official film of Golden Spike National Historic Site in Utah, a unit of the National Park System.

"Time of the West" presents views of the American West during the era from 1803 to 1890. In combination, the two films last approximately 45 minutes.

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"THOMAS JEFFERSON: SHAPER
OF AMERICAN IDEALISM"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff entitled, "Thomas Jefferson: Shaper of American Idealism." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

Dr. Fischhoff will discuss Jefferson's formative influence on the development of American democratic ideals. This is the first in a series of three lectures with the general title, "Some Shapers of American Idealism." The next lecture, at 2:00 p.m. on September 21, will focus on Harriet Beecher Stowe. The subject of the third program, on September 28, will be Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff is a noted scholar and educator in the humanities. He has taught at such institutions as Hunter College, Lynchburg College, the University of Wisconsin, College of William and Mary, and Sangamon State University. He currently serves as Visiting Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Dr. Fischhoff has written, edited, and translated several books relating to the intellectual history of Western civilization.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR FILMS AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to view two films about the American Revolution. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, 1986, in the Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Americans - 1776" portrays everyday life during the American Revolution. Crafts, lifestyles, and differences of attitude among various groups of society are examined.

"Checkmate on the Hudson" depicts the Battle of Saratoga. This American victory over the British in 1777 was the turning point of the Revolution, and one of the decisive battles in world history. Many of the scenes were filmed at Saratoga National Historical Park in New York.

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LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE BOOKSTORE EXPANDS AND AUGMENTS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that the Historic Site Bookstore has expanded and increased its special offerings.

The Bookstore continues to provide one of the nation's most comprehensive selections of works on Abraham Lincoln, encompassing approximately 140 titles. Recently, the physical dimensions of the Bookstore have been enlarged, more than doubling the size of the display area. As a result, the Bookstore is now able to offer a complete array of publications describing the National Park System and its 337 units. Lincoln Home National Historic Site is one of the first National Park areas to provide this service.

In anticipation of the holiday season, the Bookstore is carrying a number of special items. These include a limited-edition bronze sculpture, "The Prairie Lawyer," by John Frank. Mr. Frank has been sculpting Abraham Lincoln in wood and bronze for over fifty years. His works have been exhibited in many museums, art galleries, and historic sites; three of his bronzes were recently added to the important Lincoln collection at Meisei University in Tokyo, Japan. Other special offerings include books and calendars featuring the work of Ansel Adams, who has become recognized as the most noted photographer of America's National Parks. In observance of the bicentennial of the U. S. Constitution, special publications on the Consitution and its history will be offered, as well as a poster and medallion which will not be available anywhere else in the State of Illinois.

The Bookstore is located in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day, except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. The Bookstore is operated by Eastern National Park and Monument Association, a non-profit cooperating association which supports the activities and mission of the National Park Service.

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FILMS ON THE AMERICAN WEST AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on the natural and cultural history of the American West. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"The Prairie" illustrates the wildlife of Wind Cave National Park. The indigenous fauna of this area in the Black Hills of South Dakota includes bison, pronghorn, deer, elk, and prairie dogs.

"Arizona Strip" describes cattle ranching on the open range. The film also portrays the lifestyle of a vanishing breed - - the cowboy on horseback.

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FILMS ON CAPE COD AND VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy films portraying Cape Cod National Seashore and Voyageurs National Park. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 13, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"A Change of Seasons" captures the wildlife and natural beauty of Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota. The area features dense forests and many interconnected lakes, which once served as a route for the French-Canadian voyageurs.

"Cape Cod" depicts the ocean beaches, dunes, marshes, woodlands, and freshwater ponds which constellate this National Seashore in Massachusetts. The area preserves notable examples of Cape Cod homes, an architectural style developed in America.

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FILMS ON THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films which depict the diversity of resources and visitor opportunities encompassed within the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 20, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Our Treasured Lands" visually presents 34 areas of the National Park System. Scenes range from teeming wildlife and scenic splendor to battlefields and historic houses, such as the home of George Washington Carver. Astronaut Wally Shirra narrates the film.

"Gateway National Recreation Area" is narrated by baseball star Phil Rizzuto. The film illustrates how Gateway, with its beaches, marshes, islands, and adjacent waters in the New York harbor area, offers urban residents a wide variety of recreational opportunities.

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FILMS ON THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying America's National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 27, 1986, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"National Parks--Nature's Last Frontier" portrays some of the spectacular natural and scenic areas of the National Park System. These include Bryce Canyon, Everglades, Grand Canyon, Yosemite, and Grand Teton National Parks.

"Lake Mead--A Place of Being" depicts the range of recreational experiences to be enjoyed at Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Nevada. Original music by jazz guitarist Charlie Byrd supports visual impressions of boating, waterskiing, and camping amidst the striking scenery of Lake Mead.

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FILMS ON NATURE AND HISTORY
IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying natural and historical features of the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Our Living Heritage" tells the story of America through views of the National Park System. The film encompasses human and natural history; its photography captures both architectural landmarks and the scenic grandeur of the National Parks.

"Red Sunday" presents the story of Custer Battlefield National Monument in Montana. The famous Battle of Little Big Horn took place here on a Sunday in June 1876. Lt. Colonel George A. Custer and about 268 of his force lost their lives in an engagement with the Sioux and Northern Cheyenne, under the leadership of Sitting Bull.

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HOLIDAY RECEPTION

The National Park Service at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Junior League of Springfield cordially invite the public to enjoy a "Holiday Reception" at the Lincoln Home from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 1987.

Members of the Junior League will dress in period costume to greet visitors, carrying on the 1850s tradition of receptions held in Springfield during the holiday season.

The Junior League is decorating a Christmas tree in the Lincoln Home. In addition, other decorations appropriate to the period will adorn the interior. The dining room table will be set in the style Mrs. Lincoln would have used for such a holiday occasion.

Guests are encouraged to leave their calling cards in a basket at the front door of the Lincoln Home. This was another popular custom at such gatherings in the Lincoln era.

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FILMS ON THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying units of the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 3, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"National Park: Our American Heritage" presents spectacular scenic views of National Parks and Monuments across the nation. The film emphasizes the diversity of ecosystems which are encompassed within the National Park System.

"Golden Spike" is a historical account of the building of the first trans-continental railroad by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific in the 1860's. President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation authorizing the building of the railroad. This is the official film of Golden Spike National Historic Site in Utah, a unit of the National Park System.

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JANUARY THAW PARTY

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites children age 4 to 12, and their parents to escape the gloom of winter at a "January Thaw Party." Festivities begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 17, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Stories, games and songs convey the saga of Abraham Lincoln's life from birth through his election to the Presidency. The musical selections include some of Mr. Lincoln's favorites. Children will actively participate in every phase of the festivities, and will enjoy games Mr. Lincoln played with his own sons.

Concluding the party will be a showing of an animated film entitled, "The Lorax." The Lorax is a Dr. Seuss character who uses up all the trees. The film presents the challenge of natural resource preservation in an entertaining and engaging manner.

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FILMS ON THE CIVIL WAR AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying events connected with the Civil War. The film begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 24, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"The Civil War" presents a chronological history of that conflict, beginning with the general issues which precipitated the war and concluding with the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. Produced by Encyclopedia Britannica, the film includes passages from the speeches and writings of Grant, Lee, and Lincoln.

"Wilson's Creek: A Mean Fought Fight" recreates the Confederate victory in southern Missouri on August 10, 1861. The battle culminated in severe losses on both sides. This was the first major engagement west of the Mississippi.

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FILMS ON GRAND TETON AND
PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARKS
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Grand Teton and Petrified Forest National Parks. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Grand Teton National Park" depicts the most impressive part of the Teton Range in Wyoming. This series of blue-gray peaks rising more than a mile above the sagebrush flats was once a noted landmark for native Americans and "mountain men." The area includes the winter feeding ground of the largest American elk herd.

"Stone Forest" is a beautifully photographed portrait of Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona. The film presents the changing moods of the desert and the story of petrification, the process by which fallen trees have turned to stone.

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"ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY"

In honor of the 179th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: A Musical Biography." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, February 6, and Sunday, February 7, 1988. The presentations will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The presentation will recreate an 1865 political rally honoring President Lincoln. Actor R. Frederick "Fritz" Klein will portray Abraham Lincoln, a role he has played throughout the United States. Mr. Klein will utilize passages from Lincoln's speeches and writings to dramatize the life of the sixteenth President. The chorus of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform musical selections which played an important role in Mr. Lincoln's life. Paul Presney, Jr., well-known for his many fine performances with the Springfield Municipal Opera, will portray Jesse K. DuBois, the Illinois State Auditor of the 1850's and 60's and master of ceremonies for the program.

Mr. Klein portrays Lincoln across the nation, presenting "stump speeches" on various topics in Lincoln's own words. Mr. Klein has extensively researched The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, the basic source for his presentations. He closely approximates the actual height and weight of the world-famous President. Mr. Klein spends four hours on make up before each performance thus enhancing his own natural resemblance to Abraham Lincoln.

The Springfield Symphony Chorus was founded in 1985. The Director of the Chorus is Dr. Robert Kvam, who also serves as the Director of the School of Music at Illinois Wesleyan University. For this event, the Chorus will be conducted by Assistant Director P. Timothy Koch. Mr. Koch is a member of the music faculty at Blackburn College in Carlinville and teacher of Voice at Lincoln Land Community College. Musical selections in the program will include "Barbara Allen," "Skip to My Lou," "Battle Cry of Freedom," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Anyone wishing further information about the Historic Site Lincoln Birthday activities is welcome to call the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at (217) 492-4150.

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NEW CHIEF OF VISITOR SERVICES BEGINS ASSIGNMENT AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that Lawrence Blake, formerly Chief of Interpretation and Resources Management at George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri, has begun a new assignment as Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at Lincoln Home. Mr. Blake replaces Robert F. Holmes, who transferred to Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor in Joliet, Illinois, during September of 1986.

Mr. Blake's new assignment is the latest in a diversified career with the National Park Service. In 1975, he accepted his first appointment as a seasonal Park Ranger with George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia.

Mr. Blake transferred to Scotts Bluff National Monument in Gering, Nebraska, during 1978. In 1980, he began his service as Chief of Interpretation and Resources Management at George Washington Carver National Monument.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the Springfield community and to continue the highest quality of interpretive programming at Lincoln Home," Lawrence declared. "A special challenge during the coming year will be the development of alternative programs to serve the visitor while the Lincoln Home is closed for architectural preservation. I also intend to work closely with the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau and other community organizations to insure that visitors to this area continue to enjoy something special when they visit Springfield."

Accompanying Mr. Blake in his move to Springfield are his wife, Joan, and their two sons, Patrick and Jonathan, who are 8 and 12 years of age. Lawrence said, "My family and I are really looking forward to visiting the historic sites and enjoying the many cultural opportunities offered by the community."

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FILMS ON GEORGE WASHINGTON AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films depicting historic sites relating to the life of George Washington. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"George Washington's Birthplace" portrays the early environment of the first U.S. President. Filmed at George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia, the movie recaptures the colonial way of life in the early eighteenth century.

"Federal Hall: The Beginning" is an animated motion picture which focuses on the era when Federal Hall in New York City served as the seat of government. Events depicted include the inauguration of George Washington as the first President.

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"ABRAHAM LINCOLN:
THE EMANCIPATOR'S VISION
OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION"
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of the 178th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the Bicentennial of the Constitution, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: The Emancipator's Vision of the American Constitution." The program begins at 10:30 a.m. on Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Fischhoff will discuss political, philosophical, and religious perspectives on Lincoln's relationship to the U.S. Constitution. He will examine the development of Lincoln's reflections on the deeper meaning of the Constitution and its permanent historical and inspirational value in directing the future of American civilization.

Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff is a noted scholar and educator in the humanities. He has taught at such institutions as Hunter College, Lynchburg College, the University of Wisconsin, College of William and Mary, and Sangamon State University. He currently serves as Visiting Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Dr. Fischhoff has written, edited, and translated several books relating to the intellectual history of Western civilization.

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LINCOLN HOME BIRTHDAY RECEPTION

In honor of the 178th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend a Birthday Reception on Sunday, February 8, 1987.

From 2 to 4 p.m., members of the Springfield Junior League, dressed in period costume, will greet visitors in the Lincoln Home at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets. The event will carry on the tradition of the "Levee," or formal reception, which Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln held at their home in February 1861 prior to their departure for the White House. In keeping with the festive atmosphere, there will also be period decorations. For example, the table in the Dining Room will be set in the style Mrs. Lincoln would have employed for such an occasion.

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AWARD PRESENTATION FOR
"LINCOLN AND THE CONSTITUTION"
ESSAY COMPETITION AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of the 178th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth and the Bicentennial of the Constitution, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend the presentation of awards for an essay competition sponsored by the Historic Site. The theme of the essays was "Lincoln and the Constitution." The award presentation will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12, 1987. The award presentation will immediately be followed by Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff's lecture entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: The Emancipator's Vision of the American Constitution."

The essay competition was open to all eighth grade history students in Springfield schools. Winner of the First Prize is Jonathan Penn, a student of Mrs. Jewell Curtis at U.S. Grant Middle School. Mr. Penn's essay is being published in both the newsletter of the Sangamon County Historical Society and The Lincoln Chronicle, a publication of Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Illinois.

Winner of the Second Prize is Kim Turner, a student of Mrs. Danielle Spencer at U.S. Grant Middle School. The essay receiving the Third Prize was authored by Chris Ramirez, a student of Mr. Richard Eggleston at George Washington Middle School.

The prizewinning essays were selected by a Review Committee consisting of three Lincoln scholars. The committee members were: George L. Painter, Historian, Lincoln Home National Historic Site; Thomas F. Schwartz, Curator of the Lincoln Collection, Illinois State Historical Library; and Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director, Illinois State Archives.

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FILMS ON ALASKA'S
NATIONAL PARKS AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on Alaskan units of the National Park System. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Glacier Bay--The Grand Design" captures the scenic magnificence of Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska. The film describes the formation and development of glaciers. It also traces the natural succession of plant and animal life following a glacial retreat.

"One Man's Alaska" was filmed in the vicinity of Lake Clark National Park. It centers on the story of a man who built his own cabin in the Twin Lakes Wilderness Area. Highlights of the film include the abundant wildlife in the region, the beauty of the four seasons, and the lifestyle of an individual living alone in the wilderness.

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MEET AUTHOR AND ARTIST
LLOYD OSTENDORF AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of the 178th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to meet renowned Lincoln author and artist Lloyd Ostendorf. Dr. Ostendorf will be present in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois, between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, February 12, 1987. Dr. Ostendorf will be prepared to share his vast knowledge of Lincoln with the public and to inscribe copies of his book, Abraham Lincoln, The Boy--The Man. Dr. Ostendorf's book will be available for sale in the Lincoln Home Bookstore, located within the Visitor Center.

Acclaimed as one of the best Lincoln Illustrators in the world today, Lloyd Ostendorf has the unique ability to create historically accurate art work with near-photographic detail which lends a three-dimensional quality to his work.

More than a talented artist, Dr. Ostendorf is an authority on the life of Abraham Lincoln. His personal research and vast collection of rare photographs of Lincoln and the Civil War era have been featured in many national publications, including the American Heritage Picture History of the Civil War.

Plans are presently underway for the creation of a Lloyd Ostendorf Gallery at the Lewis A. Warren Library and Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. When completed, the gallery will feature his art and a portion of his private photograph collection. Dr. Ostendorf's works can be found hanging in such places as the Governor's Mansion in Springfield, IL, the Illinois State Capitol, Lincoln College in Lincoln, IL, Lincoln Memorial College in Tennessee and hundreds of other locations.

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"ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY:

In honor of the 178th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: A Musical Biography." The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday evening, February 7, 1987, and will be presented again at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, February 8, 1987. The presentations will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The presentation will recreate an 1865 political rally honoring President Lincoln. Actor R. Frederick "Fritz" Klein will portray Abraham Lincoln, a role he has played throughout the United States. Mr. Klein will utilize passages from Lincoln's speeches and writings to dramatize the life of the sixteenth President. The chorus of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform musical selections which played an important role in Mr. Lincoln's life. Paul Presney, Jr., well-known for his many fine performances with the Springfield Municipal Opera, will portray Jesse K. Dubois, the Illinois State Auditor of the 1850's and 60's and master of ceremonies for the program.

Mr. Klein is an actor, public speaker, and Lincoln look-alike. He portrays Lincoln across the nation, presenting "stump speeches" on various topics in Lincoln's own words. Mr. Klein has extensively researched The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln, the basic resource for his presentations. He closely approximates the actual height and weight of the world-famous President. Mr. Klein spends four hours on make up before each performance, thus enhancing his own natural resemblance to Abraham Lincoln.

Founded in 1985, the Springfield Symphony Chorus is directed by Richard Garrin. Mr. Garrin is also Assistant Conductor of the Chicago Symphony Chorus and Director of Music for Windy City Performing Arts where, in 1979, he co-founded the award-winning Windy City Men's Chorus. Musical selections in the program will include "Barbara Allen," "Skip to My Lou," "Battle Cry of Freedom," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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LINCOLN HOME TO CLOSE

The Lincoln Home will close for a comprehensive preservation project on May 26, 1987 at 5 p.m. according to Jim O'Toole, Superintendent at Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

The Home will be closed to the public for repair and replacement of deteriorated fabric, reinforcement of beams and other structural members, and installation of a climate control system designed to provide a protective environment for the house and its historic furnishings. Goals of the project include preserving the original fabric and assuring the stability of the 148-year old building which has been visited by approximately 10 million visitors since becoming a National Park Service area in 1972. River City Restoration, a firm based in Hannibal, Missouri, will serve as the principal contractor for the project.

Although the Home itself will be closed to the public due to safety hazards caused by the preservation activities, the Lincoln Home Visitor Center will remain in operation, offering visitors a full range of interpretive activities. During the summer of 1987, these will include tours of the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home, dramatizations featuring figures from 1850's Springfield, slide lectures on Lincoln sites in Illinois, and a series of lectures in observance of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Members of the public wishing further information on this schedule of activities are welcome to call the Visitor Center at (217) 492-4203. All programs will begin at the Visitor Center, located at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

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SCHEDULE OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy the great variety of interpretive programs which are being presented at the Site this summer.

While the Lincoln Home itself will soon be closing for architectural preservation treatment, the Lincoln Home Visitor Center will remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Located at 426 South Seventh Street in Springfield, Illinois, the Visitor Center will serve as the base for the many programs which are being offered this summer. Two films will be shown in the theaters. "A Visit to the Lincoln Home," a new production, is 13 minutes in length and provides visitors with a narrated tour through the furnished interior of the Home. The Site's 18-minute orientation film, "Mr. Lincoln's Springfield," is shown every half hour. Exhibits in the Visitor Center explore the six Lincoln sites in the Springfield area. Unless otherwise noted, all the programs described below begin at or take place within the Visitor Center.

A program entitled, "Following in Mr. Lincoln's Footsteps," consists of conducted walks through the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. Scheduled every 30 minutes between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., the tours will enable visitors to gain glimpses of Abraham Lincoln as a lawyer, family man, and politician, and will also describe the environment which the Lincoln family knew in Springfield. The tours may vary on specific points covered; for example, some may emphasize the restoration of the historic neighborhood and include a view of the interiors of other homes within the Site. In

addition to these conducted walks through the neighborhood, National Park Service interpreters will be stationed at various points around the neighborhood to provide insights into its history and significance.

A different perspective on the neighborhood can be gained by the "Twilight Walk" program. A member of the staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family. The "Twilight Walk" will begin near the south entrance to the Visitor Center at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, Friday, July 24, Thursday, August 20, and Friday, September 25. The evening is an ideal time to visit the historic neighborhood and recapture the ambiance of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

Other programs also provide insights into the Lincoln Home story through dramatization by persons in period clothing. These will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon" explores Herndon's research and writings on Lincoln, which are among the most important sources of information concerning the sixteenth President. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness. "The Real Lincoln?" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays June 16, July 21, and August 11.

In "Mr. Smith Comes to Springfield," a staff member portrays an itinerant musician of 1860 who comes to town, performs guitar music of the era, and discusses life in the Springfield which the Lincolns knew. "Mr. Smith Comes to Springfield" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays June 23, and September 8.

"Neighborhood Nostalgia" will focus on the relationship of the Lincoln family to their Springfield neighborhood, as seen through the eyes of Mrs. Ella Mae Chatterton, a lady of some social prominence in the 1850's

Springfield. "Neighborhood Nostalgia" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesday July 7.

What was it like to be in a Civil War battle? Were bullets or poor health conditions more hazardous to the lives of the soldiers? "Face to Face with Billy Yank: A Dramatized Interview with a Civil War Soldier" will explore such topics, in addition to training, daily life in camp, and the reasons people volunteered to serve in the Civil War. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will have an opportunity to examine the weapons and accoutrements of the Civil War soldier. "Face to Face with Billy Yank" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays July 14, August 4, and August 18.

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln, or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview with Mary Lincoln's Older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards" will explore such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of the program discusses Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband. "Finding Mrs. Lincoln" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays July 28 and August 25.

"An Ordinary Day" dramatizes the activities of a Springfield resident on the day of Lincoln's departure from Springfield, February 11, 1861. It includes a discussion of the personal meaning of Lincoln's Farewell Address to the people of the city. "An Ordinary Day" will be presented at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1.

In observance of the Bicentennial of the Constitution, Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff will present a series of lectures exploring connections between the U. S. Constitution, the founding fathers, and Lincoln's life and thought. Dr. Ephraim Fischhoff is a noted scholar and educator in the humanities. He has taught at such institutions as Hunter College, Lynchburg College, the University of Wisconsin, College of William and Mary, and Sangamon State University. He currently serves as Visiting Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. Dr. Fischhoff has written, edited, and translated several books relating to the intellectual history of Western civilization. Lectures by Dr. Fischhoff will be presented at 2:00 p.m. in

the Visitor Center. On Saturday, July 4, he will speak on "Liberty, Lincoln, and the Democratic Tradition". Dr. Fischhoff's other lectures will be on Sundays. These will include "The Constitution, Lincoln, and the Founding Fathers: George Washington", on July 12, "The Constitution, Lincoln, and the Founding Fathers: John Adams" on July 19, "The Constitution, Lincoln, and the Founding Fathers: Thomas Jefferson" on July 26, "The Constitution, Lincoln, and the Founding Fathers: Benjamin Franklin" on August 2.

On Wednesdays at 2 p.m., the public will have opportunities to learn more about the Lincoln sites of Illinois in a series of slide lectures. The subjects will include "Lincoln at New Salem" on June 17, "Reconstruction of New Salem" on June 24, "Lincoln the Lawyer in Logan County: Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses" on July 8, "The History of the Lincoln Tomb" on July 15, "The Old State Capitol and Lincoln - Herndon Law Offices" on July 22, "Lincoln Home Archeology" on July 29, "History of the Illinois and Michigan Canal from Lincoln's Era to the Present" on August 5, "Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal" (lecture without slides) on August 12.

At 2 p.m. on Wednesdays August 19 and 26, two Curators from the Illinois State Museum will present views of Illinois' prehistoric past. Their slide lectures are entitled, "Mammoth Hunters: Ice Age People in the Midwest" (August 19) and "Ice Age Animals in Illinois" (August 26). The programs will describe the large animals such as mammoths and mastodons which flourished in the Midwest during the Ice Age and their relationship with early humans.

After July 4, films on nature and history in the National Park System will be shown on Saturdays at 2 p.m.

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LINCOLN HOME FURNISHINGS ON EXHIBITION

AT THE ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Illinois State Museum invites the public to enjoy an exhibition of the most historically significant furnishings from the Lincoln Home. Entitled, "Pieces of a Private Life: The Lincoln Home Furnishings," the exhibition has been organized by the Illinois State Museum, with the cooperation of the National Park Service. The exhibit will be on display from May 24 through November 8, 1987, at the State Museum, located at the corner of Spring and Edwards Streets in Springfield, Illinois.

The Museum is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, and from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Parking is available nearby and the facility is handicapped accessible.

While the Lincoln Home is closed for restoration to strengthen the structure and provide continued accessibility for the half million people visiting each year, furnishings from the Home which were used by Abraham Lincoln and his family will be displayed in the exhibit. The exhibit explains what the furnishings can tell us about the domestic activities of the Lincolns in Springfield, influences on their choice of interior design for the home, and their rising status. Evidence provided by historic archeology at the home site is also revealed. Historic documents such as the original deed to the house are exhibited as well. These documents are from the collection of the Illinois State Historic Library.

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DRAMATIZED INTERVIEW WITH

LINCOLN'S LAW PARTNER

TO BE PRESENTED AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon." The dramatization will begin at 2 p.m. on August 11, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The dramatized interview explores William Herndon's famous and controversial biography of Lincoln, as well as his research and other writings, which are among the most important sources of information concerning the life of the sixteenth President. Both the value and limitations of Herndon as a biographer will be pointed out. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness.

William Herndon will be portrayed by Paul Presney, Jr., who has been active with Springfield theater groups since 1969. His activities during the summer of 1987 include directing "Annie Get Your Gun" and performing in "Gigi", which are both presentations of the Springfield Municipal Opera. In his professional life, Mr. Presney is an attorney with the Presney, Kelly, and Appleton Law Firm as well as the Vice President of Lincoln Land Companies.

George Painter, the Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, will play the interviewer. He serves as the President of the Sangamon County Historical Society as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Group of Illinois. Mr. Painter is the author of numerous articles concerning Abraham Lincoln, and is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home.

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LECTURE ON

"LINCOLN'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE
ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation by Dr. Wayne Temple entitled, "Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Wayne Temple will discuss new findings from his recent book on Abraham Lincoln's involvement with the Illinois and Michigan Canal, which is located in northern Illinois. Dr. Temple was commissioned by certain members of Congress to prepare the book in conjunction with the establishment of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, an affiliated area of the National Park System. The recently published work is entitled, Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal, His Return from Congress in '48, and His Invention.

Dr. Wayne Temple is the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives and a former history instructor at the University of Illinois in Champaign. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations. The title of another recent book by Dr. Temple is By Squares and Compasses: The Building of Lincoln's Home and its Saga. Dr. Temple is the recipient of many honors, including the Lincoln Diploma of Honor, the Award of Achievement from the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Illinois State Historical Library.

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"MR. SMITH COMES TO SPRINGFIELD"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Mr. Smith Comes to Springfield." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

In "Mr. Smith Comes to Springfield," Lincoln Home staff member Thomas R. Shank portrays an itinerant musician of 1860 who comes to town, performs guitar music of the era, and discusses life in the Springfield which the Lincolns knew. The songs will include such traditional favorites as "Blue Tail Fly," "Jimmy Crack Corn" "Skip to My Lou," and "Old Dan Tucker."

Thomas Shank maintains a long-standing interest in the Lincoln story; his previous experience with the National Park Service includes assignments at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Everglades National Park.

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TWILIGHT TOURS OF LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces a continuation of the popular summer twilight tours through the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. These tours are a monthly occurrence from June through September. The next program is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 1987, beginning at 7:30 p.m. near the south entrance of the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The final in the series will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 1987.

A member of the staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of the Lincolns' neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

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"FACE TO FACE WITH BILLY YANK:

A DRAMATIZED INTERVIEW WITH A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program entitled, "Face to Face with Billy Yank: A Dramatized Interview with a Civil War Soldier." The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

What was it like to be in a Civil War battle? Were bullets or poor health conditions more hazardous to the lives of the soldiers? This dramatized interview explores such topics, as well as training, daily life in camp, and the reasons why people volunteered to serve in the Civil War. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will have an opportunity to examine the weapons and accoutrements of the Civil War Soldier.

Dr. Richard Schachtsiek, Superintendent of Postville Courthouse and Mount Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Sites, will portray a citizen of Springfield who volunteered to serve in the Union Army. For thirteen years, Mr. Schachtsiek has participated in a reactivated Civil War unit, the 114th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He appeared in the television mini-series, North and South, Part II. Mr. Schachtsiek has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for nine years, including assignments at Lincoln's Tomb, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, and Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site. He is a past President and Vice President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

The role of the interviewer will be portrayed by Lincoln Home National Historic Site Historian George Painter. Mr. Painter graduated from Duke University and studied history at the Graduate School of Princeton University. He serves as President of the Sangamon County Historical Society. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters, and he is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION ON

"MAMMOTH HUNTERS: ICE AGE PEOPLE IN THE MIDWEST"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation by Dr. Russell W. Graham entitled, "Mammoth Hunters: Ice Age People in the Midwest." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Graham will describe and illustrate how the first humans in North America arrived, and the types of environments they encountered. The program includes a discussion of the methods used by these early inhabitants to hunt large animals alive during the Ice Ages, such as mammoths and mastodons. Theories that such hunting may have contributed to their extinction will be examined. Dr. Graham will utilize features of the Ice Age National Scientific Reserve in Wisconsin, an affiliated area of the National Park System, as examples of environments experienced by early humans in the Midwest.

Since receiving his doctorate from the University of Texas, Russell W. Graham has served as a Curator of Geology at the Illinois State Museum. He has conducted extensive research on the early human inhabitants of North America, the environment in which they lived, and possible causes of the extinction of Ice Age animals. Dr. Graham is the author of numerous articles on these topics.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR FILMS

TO BE SHOWN AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying the Revolutionary War period of American history. The program begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 22, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"George Washington's Headquarters" captures historic events at the Ford Mansion in Morristown, New Jersey, where General Washington maintained his headquarters during the winter of 1779-1789. This was the most severe winter of the Revolutionary War.

"Victory at Yorktown" depicts the day-long ritual of surrender at the close of the culminating battle of the American Revolution. Counterpointing the scenes of triumph for the Americans and French and dejection of the British are reflections regarding the significance of the Battle of Yorktown as a turning point in American history.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation in observance of the birthday of the National Park Service. Entitled "This Land Is Our Land," the program combines narration and music to tell the story of the National Park System. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The National Park Service was created by an Act of Congress on August 25, 1916. In "This Land Is Our Land," Lincoln Home Staff member Thomas R. Shank will perform songs which represent the diversity of areas encompassed within the National Park System. This will include music from the Revolutionary and Civil War eras, as well as the twentieth century.

Thomas Shank maintains a long-standing interest in interpreting the National Parks through music. As part of his previous assignments with the National Park Service, he has presented musical performances at such areas as Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Everglades National Park.

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"FINDING MRS. LINCOLN"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program entitled, "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview With Mary Lincoln's Older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? This dramatized interview explores such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of this program discusses Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband.

In the interview, Mrs. Edwards is portrayed by Lincoln Home employee Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts. Mrs. Winkelmann, has conducted extensive research on the Lincoln family in preparation of this program. She majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri and was active with the group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 14 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as Program Coordinator for the Historic Site.

The role of the interviewer will be played by Lincoln Home National Historic Site Historian George Painter. Mr. Painter graduated from Duke University and studied history at the graduate School of Princeton University. He serves as President of the Sangamon County Historical Society. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters, and he is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family In Their Springfield Home.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION ON

"ICE AGE ANIMALS IN ILLINOIS"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation by Jeffrey Saunders entitled, "Ice Age Animals in Illinois." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The program describes and illustrates the large animals, such as mammoths, mastodons, giant beaver, stag moose, and giant tortoises, which flourished in Illinois during the Ice Age. Dr. Saunders will also discuss the manner in which these animal remains came to be preserved, and how the fossils can now reveal much about the vegetation and climate of the era in which the creatures lived.

Since receiving his doctorate from the University of Arizona in 1975, Jeffrey Saunders has served as Associate Curator of Geology at the Illinois State Museum. He has conducted extensive research on mastodon and mammoth fossils found in Illinois and adjacent states. Dr. Saunders is the author of many articles concerning Ice Age animals and their environments.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE EXHIBIT ON

"HOMES OF THE PRESIDENTS"

AT LINCOLN LIBRARY

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site, in cooperation with the Lincoln Library, invites the public to enjoy an exhibition entitled, "Homes of the Presidents in the National Park System." The exhibit will be on display from August 17 through September 11, 1987, at the Lincoln Library, 326 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois; the exhibit will be located on the third floor of the Library in the Arts and Recreation Department. The Lincoln Library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"Homes of the Presidents in the National Park System" includes illustrations of historic sites connected with 16 United States Presidents. Some Presidents, such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, are represented by more than one site. The exhibit begins with a map, locating all National Park Service areas connected with Presidents and closes with illustrations of Camp David and the White House.

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FILMS AT GLACIER BAY AND

YOSMITE NATIONAL PARK

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Glacier Bay National Monument and Yosemite National Park. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"John Muir's High Sierra" portrays the journeys of the famous conservationist in the High Sierras of California around 1869. Excerpts from Muir's diaries are interwoven with views of the spectacular scenery through which he traveled. The film depicts Muir's influence on the National Park movement, and his important role in the establishment of Yosemite National Park. This outstanding production was nominated for an Academy Award.

"Glacier Bay--The Grand Design" captures the scenic magnificence of Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska. The film describes the formation and development of glaciers. It also traces the natural succession of plant and animal life following a glacial retreat.

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"MR. SMITH COMES TO SPRINGFIELD"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled, "Mr. Smith Comes to Springfield." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

In "Mr. Smith Comes to Springfield," Lincoln Home staff member Thomas R. Shank portrays an itinerant musician of 1860 who comes to town, performs guitar music of the era, and discusses life in the Springfield which the Lincolns knew. The songs will include such traditional favorites as "Blue Tail Fly," "Jimmy Crack Corn," "Skip to My Lou," and "Old Dan Tucker." Thomas Shank maintains a long-standing interest in the Lincoln story; his previous experience with the National Park Service includes assignments at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Everglades National Park.

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AUTUMN FILM SERIES

ON THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy an autumn series of films portraying units of the National Park System. The programs will be presented at 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: September 12, September 26, October 10, and October 31, 1987. The films will be shown in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

On September 12, "John Muir's High Sierra" portrays the role of the famous conservationist in the establishment of Yosemite National Park. On the same date, "Glacier Bay--The Grand Design" captures the scenic magnificence of Glacier Bay National Monument in Alaska.

On September 26, "Our Living Heritage" tells the story of America through views of the National Park System. "Golden Spike" is a historical account of the building of the first transcontinental railroad in the 1860's.

On October 10, "Yellowstone National Park" portrays the world's first national park, set aside in 1872. "Grand Teton National Park" depicts the most impressive part of the Teton Range in Wyoming.

On October 31, "Everglades National Park" portrays the largest subtropical wilderness within the United States. "Acadia National Park" captures the scenic grandeur of Maine's rock-bound coast.

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DRAMATIC PRESENTATION AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a dramatic presentation entitled, "An Ordinary Day." The program will focus upon the day of Lincoln's departure from Springfield, February 11, 1816. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Lincoln Home staff member Judith Winkelmann will dramatize the activities of a Springfield resident on the day Lincoln left the city for his Presidential inauguration. The program includes a discussion of the personal meaning of Lincoln's Farewell Address to the people of Springfield.

Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts, has conducted extensive research on the Springfield of the Lincoln era in preparation for this program. Mrs. Winkelmann majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri, and was active with the group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 14 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as the Program Coordinator for Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

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PRESENTATION ON

POSTVILLE AND MT. PULASKI COURTHOUSES AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special slide presentation entitled, "Lincoln the Lawyer in Logan County: Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

As a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Abraham Lincoln practiced law at both the Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse is one of the two original Eighth Circuit Courthouses still in existence in Illinois. In 1929, Henry Ford purchased the original Postville Courthouse and had it transported to Michigan. On the site of the original, a reconstruction now stands as a State Historic Site. The slide program will present the history of these two courthouses and their connections with the story of Abraham Lincoln as a circuit-riding lawyer.

Mr. Richard Schachtsiek, Superintendent of Postville Courthouse and Mt. Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Sites, will narrate the presentation. He has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for nine years; his work has included assignments at Lincoln's Tomb, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, and Lincoln's New Salem, before coming to Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses four years ago. In 1980, Mr. Schachtsiek earned a Master of Arts degree in Historic Site and Administration at Eastern Illinois University. He is a past President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

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SEPTEMBER 15, 1987

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TWILIGHT TOUR OF LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces the continuation of the popular summer twilight tours through the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. These tours have been a monthly occurrence from June through September. The final program in the series is scheduled for Friday evening, September 25, 1987. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. near the south entrance of the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

A member of the staff, dressed in historical costume, will present the tour from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of the Lincolns' neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

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FILMS ON THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park System at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying areas of the National Park System. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Our Living Heritage" tells the story of America through views of the National Park System. The film encompasses human and natural history; its photography captures both architectural landmarks and the scenic grandeur of the National Parks.

"Golden Spike" is a historical account of the building of the first transcontinental railroad by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific in the 1860's. President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation authorizing the building of the railroad. This is the official film of Utah's Golden Spike National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park System.

Date: September 21, 1987

To: M. Neely, D. Allen, L. Huntley

From: L. Huntley

City-Wide Holiday Fest: Mark, the CPI sub-committee met today and discussed the Museum's requested funds for the renovation etc. Sue will be contacting you regarding that, but I do know that it was felt that a feasibility study seemed a basic necessity before remodeling would be done.

Simultaneously, we discussed the Museum's possible participation in the Holiday Fest, Thanksgiving weekend. The group all felt enthusiastic about the visibility and participation in such a community project. The meeting to discuss the event is scheduled for the 23rd. As I indicated earlier, I am sure that Corporate Communications would be happy to brainstorm about it with you. I would be delighted to do so myself if you wish the Museum to participate. Ladonna

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FILMS ON YELLOWSTONE AND GRAND TETON
NATIONAL PARKS at
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The program begins on Saturday, October 10, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

"Yellowstone National Park" portrays the world's first national park, set aside in 1872. Old Faithful and approximately 10,000 other geysers and hot springs make this the world's greatest geothermal area. Here, too, are abundant wildlife, lakes, waterfalls, high mountain meadows, as well as Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

"Grand Teton National Park" depicts the most impressive part of the Teton Range in Wyoming. This series of blue-grey peaks rising more than a mile above the sagebrush flats was once a noted landmark for native Americans and "mountain men." The area includes the winter feeding ground of the largest American elk herd.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL LINCOLN COLLOQUIUM

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and the Sangamon County Historical Society invite the public to attend the Second Annual Lincoln Colloquium, in which scholars will present the results of their research on Abraham Lincoln. The event will take place on Saturday, October 24, 1987, in the Carnegie Room of the Lincoln Library, 326 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois; it will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The registration fee for the Colloquium is \$10.00, to cover the cost of lunch and other expenses. Checks should be made payable to the Sangamon County Historical Society and mailed to the Society, care of Robinson's Advertising Agency, 308 East Adams, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Speakers at the Colloquium will include Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives, who will present "Dining with Lincoln." Marilyn A. Huff, Assistant to the Director of the Office of Public Affairs Communication at Sangamon State University, will discuss "Creating Video Documentary on the Lincoln Home Preservation Project." Thomas F. Schwartz, Curator of Lincoln Collection at the Illinois State Historical Library, will analyze "Lincoln's Political Principles." "Lincoln and the U.S. Constitution" will be the subject of a joint presentation by Judge Harlington Wood, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, and George L. Painter, Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information regarding the Colloquium is welcome to call the Lincoln Home National Historic Site Visitor Center at (217) 492-4150.

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FILMS ON EVERGLADES AND

ACADIA NATIONAL PARKS

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Everglades and Acadia National Parks. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Everglades National Park" depicts the largest subtropical wilderness within the coterminous United States. The abundant wildlife of this area in southern Florida includes alligators, panthers, as well as rare and colorful birds.

"Acadia National Park" captures the scenic grandeur of Maine's rock-bound coast. The sea sets the mood here, uniting the rugged coastal areas of Mount Desert Island (highest elevation on the eastern seaboard), picturesque Schoodic Peninsula on the mainland, and the spectacular cliffs of Isle Au Haut.

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ENCLOSURE SYSTEM TO SURROUND LINCOLN HOME DURING WINTER

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that an enclosure system will be erected around the Lincoln Home by mid-November, 1987. This will allow work on the Lincoln Home restoration project to continue throughout the winter.

As the first step in the enclosure process, scaffolding will surround the Lincoln Home, in order to facilitate treatment of the structure's walls. A corrugated metal shed roof will cover the scaffolding from above and vinyl polyester fabric will be extended around the exterior of the scaffolding. The enclosure will protect the work area from wind and snow; it will also provide a sufficiently warm environment for curing of plaster and other essential work which cannot be carried out at sub-freezing temperatures. The roof of the Lincoln Home will not be covered, since restoration work on the roof has already been completed. The enclosure system will be removed in the spring.

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HISTORIAN AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

AWARDED GRANT FOR PUBLICATION

The Director of the National Park Service, William Penn Mott, Jr., recently announced the first recipients of grants under the Horace M. Albright Employee Development Fund. George Painter, the Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, is among the twenty-six National Park Service employees receiving grants. Mr. Painter's grant will be applied toward the expansion of a publication entitled, Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home, which he coauthored with Thomas J. Dyba during 1985.

"It is a great privilege to be one of the first grant recipients under the Horace M. Albright Employee Development Fund," said Painter. "The expansion of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson will make it possible to include the results of recent National Park Service research on the Lincoln Home and the historic neighborhood surrounding it. In addition, Lincoln's law and political careers will be discussed more fully, in order to cast light on the impact of these activities upon the home life of the Lincoln family."

An employee of the National Park Service since 1970, George Painter has served as the Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site since August 1977. He is the president of both the Sangamon County Historical Society and the Lincoln Group of Illinois. In addition to Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson, Mr. Painter's other publications include numerous articles on Abraham Lincoln, and the Lincoln Home, as well as a booklet describing the history of Vincennes, Indiana.

The Horace M. Albright Employee Development Fund was conceived by National Park Service Director William Penn Mott, Jr., and named in honor of the Service's co-founder and second director. In announcing the selection of grant recipients, Mott said, "The grant program, supported entirely by private contributors, provides funding for projects that will stimulate the personal and professional growth of career employees of the Service."

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FILMS ON NATURE AND HISTORY

IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Petrified Forest National Park and the raising of a Civil War gunboat at Vicksburg National Military Park. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on both Saturday, December 12, 1987, and Sunday, December 13, 1987, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Salvage of the Gunboat Cairo" is a documentary on the raising of a Civil War vessel from a riverbed within the boundaries of Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi. Footage taken during the massive archeological project creates an exciting story of historical research and discovery.

"Stone Forest" is a beautifully photographed portrait of Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona. The film presents the changing moods of the desert and the story of petrification, the process by which fallen trees have turned to stone.

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FILMS ON THE NATURAL WORLD

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying processes in the natural world. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, December 26, and Sunday, December 27, 1987 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Forces of Change" depicts dynamic influences in nature. These include glacial action, plant succession, fire, the effect of animals on forest communities, and the forces which build mountains.

"Consider the Process of Living" captures the moods of nature through images of various natural environments, including seascapes, prairies, deserts, and mountains. The film also tells the story of man's power to threaten or create a better quality of life.

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FILMS ON NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films depicting the wildlife of North America. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Wild Babies" surveys the early development of various species of North American Animals, showing how they learn the skills of survival. A young flying squirrel is seen learning to fly. Other animals depicted include raccoons, skunks, bear cubs, and great horned owl.

"Last Stronghold of the Eagles" was filmed in southeast Alaska, which has the densest population of bald eagles in the United States. The motion picture portrays both the environment and life cycle of the eagles. This film won the award for the Best Treatment of an Endangered Species at the Fifth International Wildlife Film Festival.

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FILMS ON LINCOLN AND THE CIVIL WAR AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films depicting the relationship of Lincoln to two of the momentous battles of the Civil War. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"From These Honored Dead" recreates the Battle of Gettysburg in July 1863. The film also explores the meaning of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, which he delivered at the dedication of the Gettysburg National Cemetery on November 19, 1863.

"A Visit to Antietam" brings to life the Battle of Antietam and its historical impact in a reenactment of Lincoln's visit to the battlefield two weeks after the event. Through Lincoln's eyes, the viewer learns about the bloodiest single day of the Civil War. The film explores the thoughts of Lincoln, General McClellan, and the soldiers. It includes historical photographs, battle reenactments, and music of the period.

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LINCOLN HOME HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In honor of the 179th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy the Lincoln Heritage Lecture Series, which is presented each year on Lincoln's Birthday in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. This year's event will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 12, 1988. The program will feature two presentations, both of which focus upon the Lincoln Home restoration project.

George Painter, Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, will present slides on the development of the Site since its establishment, including the restoration of historic buildings and the development of plans for refurnishing the Lincoln Home. Marilyn A. Huff, Assistant to the Director of the Office of Public Affairs Communication at Sangamon State University and Manuscript Editor for the Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association, will present the second part of the program. Mrs. Huff is currently the producer of an hour-long video documentary on the restoration and preservation of the Lincoln Home. Mrs. Huff will discuss the complexity of the project and present the first public showing of footage from the documentary.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information on the Historic Site's Lincoln Birthday activities is welcome to call the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at (217) 492-4150.

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FILMS ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE AND BOYHOOD

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In honor of the one hundred seventy-ninth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films concerning Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky and his boyhood years in Indiana. The presentation will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Lincoln, the Kentucky Years" takes a nostalgic look at Lincoln's birthplace and gives an insight into the humble beginnings and relationships which shaped the future President's character. Narrated by Burgess Meredith, the film utilizes quotes from friends, associates, and historians to give perspective on Lincoln's early life.

"Here I Grew Up" explores the environment in southern Indiana where Lincoln spent his boyhood. Narration by the late Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen illuminates the significance of Lincoln's 14 years in Indiana.

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"VISUAL IMPRESSIONS OF LINCOLN"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In honor of the one hundred seventy-ninth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special exhibition of 40 historic photographs, engravings, and lithographs in period-style frames. Entitled "Visual Impressions of Lincoln," the exhibition will be on display from noon on Thursday, February 11, until noon on Saturday, February 13, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. The Visitor Center is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day.

The exhibit will emphasize views of Abraham Lincoln, his family, and the Lincoln Home. The illustrations are from the collection of Jack Smith of South Bend, Indiana. Mr. Smith's collection includes approximately 300 historic images in period-style frames; one authority described it as the largest known assemblage of framed Lincoln illustrations. There is no admission charge for the exhibit.

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AWARD PRESENTATION FOR
SECOND ANNUAL LINCOLN ESSAY COMPETITION AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In observance of the one hundred seventy-ninth anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend the presentation of awards for an essay competition sponsored by the Historic Site. The theme of the essays was "Lincoln's Years in Springfield." The award presentation will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Lincoln's Birthday, Friday, February 12, 1988.

The essay competition was open to all eighth grade history students in Springfield schools. Winner of the First Prize is Shawnika Champion, a student of Mr. Richard Eggleston at George Washington Middle School. Ms. Champion's essay is being published in both the newsletter of Sangamon County Historical Society and The Lincoln Chronicle, a publication of Illinois Benedictine College in Lisle, Illinois.

Winner of the Second Prize is Rachel Duda, a student of Mrs. Jewell Curtis at U.S. Grant Middle School. The essay receiving the Third Prize was authored by Deanna Weber, a student of Mrs. Maureen Pletcher at U.S. Grant Middle School.

The prizewinning essays were selected by a Review Committee consisting of two Lincoln scholars. The Committee members were George L. Painter, Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, and Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives.

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REMOVAL OF WINTER ENCLOSURE SYSTEM SURROUNDING THE LINCOLN HOME

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that the enclosure system surrounding the Lincoln Home will be removed on Wednesday, March 30, 1988. The Honorable Ossie Langfelder, Mayor of Springfield, John P. Clarke, publisher of the State Journal-Register, a representative of the Governor's Office, Dr. Michael Devine, Director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and Lisa Stone, President of the Junior League of Springfield, will officiate at the ribbon-cutting ceremony observing the lowering of the curtain of vinyl polyester fabric which has enclosed the Lincoln Home since November 1987. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. The enclosure system was erected in order to allow work on the Lincoln Home restoration project to continue throughout the winter. Removal of the enclosure system is symbolic of the restoration work entering its final phase, in preparation for the completion of the \$1.7 million project on May 20, 1988, and the reopening of the Lincoln Home on June 16.

The National Park Service, which has administered Lincoln Home National Historic Site since 1972, is directing the restoration work. The project began in May 1987. Don Castleberry, Director of the Midwest Region of the National Park Service, the Honorable James Thompson, Governor of Illinois, U.S. Senator Paul Simon, Congressman Richard Durbin, the City of Springfield, and numerous organizations have played an important role in providing support for the project since its inception.

The enclosure system must be removed so work can immediately begin on grading and landscaping the Lincoln Home yard; this will include laying sod and planting trees and shrubs. Other exterior activities will include construction of fencing and work on the retaining wall, exterior steps, and brick paving surrounding the Home. Interior work in the final phase of the project will include refinishing woodwork, installing wallpaper, carpets, and visitor handrails, as well as refurnishing the rooms.

Removal of the enclosure system will reveal, for the first time, the Lincoln Home painted in its historically correct colors. Newspaper accounts from 1860 refer to the Lincoln Home as being brown in color. Nevertheless, the correct shade of brown has only become known through a historic paint analysis carried out as part of the restoration project. This exemplifies the many important discoveries regarding the history of the Lincoln Home which have resulted from the project.

The fundamental purpose of the Lincoln Home restoration project is to assure the stability of the 149-year old building, which has been visited by approximately 10 million people since becoming a National Park Service area in 1972. Every possible effort is being made to preserve, protect, and restore those elements of the house which were present when the Lincoln family occupied the dwelling. This project enables Lincoln Home National Historic Site to fulfill its legislative mandate "to preserve and interpret for the benefit of present and future generations the home of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois ..."

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March 31, 1988

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FILM ON "THE GRIZZLIES"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a film portraying the grizzly bears of the Alaskan Wilderness and Yellowstone National Park. National Park Ranger Christopher Ryan, who appears in segments of the film photographed at Katmai National Park in Alaska, will introduce the program and answer questions. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"The Grizzlies" is a National Geographic Society production of approximately one hour in length. In addition to describing the natural behavior of grizzly bears, the film examines the problems which can arise when bears and humans share the same habitat.

There is no admission fee for this activity.

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May 5, 1988

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PRESS CONFERENCE

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that a press conference will be held in front of the Lincoln Home at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 9, 1988. In the event of rain, the press conference will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

The press conference will announce special activities connected with the reopening of the Lincoln Home on June 16, 1988. The Honorable Ossie Langfelder, Mayor of Springfield, will present to the National Park Service a proclamation concerning "Lincoln Home Reopening Day." In addition to the Mayor, representatives of the following organizations will be present: the National Park Service, including Lincoln Home Superintendent Gentry Davis; the United States Postal Service; and Eastern National Park and Monument Association, a non-profit cooperating association of the National Park Service. Representatives from three area schools will also be in attendance.

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FILMS ON YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK AND
ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying Yellowstone National Park, as well as a film depicting Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site in Pennsylvania. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Yellowstone: Our First National Park" tells the story of the creation of the world's first National Park. It also presents the area's resources, including its lakes, forests, waterfalls, thermal features, and plant and animal life.

"Geyser Melodies" portrays the beauty of Yellowstone during the winter season. Geysers erupting amidst snow and icicles are shown in a series of lyric sequences.

"Allegheny Portage Railroad" presents the features of the National Historic Site in Pennsylvania, where traces of the first railroad crossing the Allegheny Mountains can still be seen. The railroad was constructed between 1831 and 1834.

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FILM ON LINCOLN'S YEARS IN SPRINGFIELD AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a film entitled, "Mr. Lincoln of Illinois." The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The 29-minute film focuses on Lincoln's years in Springfield. It includes views of Lincoln historic sites, as well as period photographs and art works. Scholars comment on Lincoln's law practice, family life, and the development of his political career.

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FILMS ON YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films portraying Yellowstone National Park. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

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PRESS CONFERENCE AND MEDIA TOUR

OF LINCOLN HOME RESTORATION

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that a press conference on the Lincoln Home restoration and reopening will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

At the press conference, the Springfield Historic Sites Commission will present to the National Park Service an award signed by Springfield Mayor Ossie Langfelder. In attendance will be National Park Service Director William Penn Mott, Jr., National Park Service Midwest Regional Director Don Castleberry, Lincoln Home National Historic Site Superintendent Gentry Davis, and other dignitaries.

The press conference will be followed by a tour of the restored Lincoln Home for media representatives. This will provide an opportunity to photograph the Lincoln Home interior, with the understanding that the photographs will not be broadcast or published until the following day, June 16, the day of the Lincoln Home reopening.

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REOPENING OF THE LINCOLN HOME

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend the reopening of the Lincoln Home, at the conclusion of a comprehensive 2.2 million dollar restoration project. The reopening ceremonies will begin at noon on Thursday, June 16, 1988, in front of the Lincoln Home, at the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets in Springfield, Illinois. Among the dignitaries participating in the reopening ceremonies will be: William Penn Mott, Jr., Director of the National Park Service; Jack Dantone, Captain of the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln; Governor James Thompson; Lt. Governor George H. Ryan; Springfield Mayor Ossie Langfelder; Don H. Castleberry, National Park Service Midwest Regional Director; the Most Reverend Daniel Ryan, Bishop of Springfield, Illinois; and Doctor Howard L. Milkman, Jr., Reverend, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois. The Military Airlift Command Band from Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois will perform from 11:30 a.m. to noon and again from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., before and after the reopening ceremonies.

Preceding the reopening ceremonies from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., there will be a naturalization ceremony for approximately 150 new citizens. U.S. District Judge Richard Mills will conduct the naturalization ceremony on Eighth Street, near the Lincoln Home. A group of Springfield attorneys called the Sangamon Bar Lawyers' Chorus will perform patriotic music as part of the event. The Colonial Fife and Drum Corps of Alton, Illinois will march and perform historical music from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. and again from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m., immediately preceding and following the naturalization ceremony.

The restored Lincoln Home will open to the public at 4:00 p.m. During the afternoon and evening, there will be a variety of musical performances and other activities throughout the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. These activities will culminate in fireworks at nightfall.

The date of June 16 was selected for the Lincoln Home reopening to coincide with the 101st anniversary of the law by which the State of Illinois accepted the Lincoln Home as a donation from Robert Todd Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's eldest son. June 16, 1988 will also mark the 130th anniversary of the "House Divided" speech, which was integrally connected with Lincoln's emergence into national prominence.

The fundamental purpose of the Lincoln Home restoration project is to assure the stability of the 149-year old building, which has been visited by approximately 10 million people since becoming a National Park Service area in 1972. Every possible effort has been made to preserve, protect, and restore those elements of the house which were present when the Lincoln family occupied the dwelling. Don Castleberry, Director of the Midwest Region of the National Park Service, the Honorable James Thompson, Governor of Illinois, U.S. Senator Paul Simon, Congressman Richard Durbin, the City of Springfield, and numerous organizations have played an important role in providing support for the project since its inception. This project enables Lincoln Home National Historic Site to fulfill its legislative mandate "to preserve and interpret for the benefit of present the future generations the home of Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Illinois..."

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THANKS THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE

LINCOLN HOME RESTORATION

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site is profoundly grateful to the many individuals and organizations who have contributed to and assisted with the Lincoln Home restoration and reopening. The success of the restoration project and reopening day activities would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance rendered by the following:

Abraham Lincoln Association; The City of Springfield; Denver Service Center; Eagle Foods Center; Eastern National Park and Monument Association; Ferry and Henderson, Architects, Inc.; The Franklin Life Insurance Company; Harpers Ferry Center; Holiday Inn East Holidome; Illinois Bell Telephone Company; The Illinois Congressional Delegation; Illinois Department of Corrections; Illinois Department of Agriculture; Illinois Historic Preservation Agency; Illinois National Guard; Illinois State Museum; Junior League of Springfield; Lincoln Home National Historic Site staff, volunteers, former employees, and past superintendents; Morton Arboretum; Midwest Archeological Center; Midwest Regional Office of the National Park Service; Ralph Hahn and Associates, Inc.; River City Restorations, Inc., and its subcontractors and suppliers; Robert Harvey and Associates; Rudin Printing Company; Sangamon State University; State Journal-Register; The State of Illinois; The United State Post Office; Wagner Office Systems, Inc.; area television and radio stations; private citizens who contributed to the Lincoln Home restoration project; and, groups that performed at and assisted with the reopening of the Lincoln Home.

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EXTENDED SUMMER HOURS AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that extended summer hours are in effect for the Lincoln Home and Visitor Center. Both buildings will remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily until Labor Day.

Because of great public interest in the Lincoln Home following the restoration of the structure, the Historic Site is experiencing increased visitation. Long lines and a long wait to enter the Lincoln Home are typical from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. In order to avoid a lengthy waiting period, the public is encouraged to visit the Lincoln Home during the periods from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., when lines are shorter and temperatures are cooler.

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LECTURE ON

"SPRINGFIELD'S OLD STATE CAPITOL:
THE HOUSE THAT LINCOLN BUILT"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation by Dr. Wayne C. Temple entitled, "Springfield's Old State Capitol: The House that Lincoln Built." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. There is no admission fee for this activity.

Dr. Wayne C. Temple will discuss the history of the Old State Capitol from the beginning of its construction in 1837. He will emphasize Lincoln's connections with the building, including his delivery of the "House Divided" speech in 1858 and his utilization of the Governor's chamber for seven months as a Presidential candidate and President-elect during 1860. As part of the program, Dr. Temple will disclose findings from research carried out for a forthcoming book he has coauthored with his wife, Sunderine Temple. Scheduled to be published late this summer, the book is entitled, Fifth Capitol: The House That Lincoln Built.

Dr. Wayne C. Temple is the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives and a former history instructor at the University of Illinois in Champaign. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations. The title of another recent book by Dr. Temple is By Squares and Compasses: The Building of Lincoln's Home and its Saga. Dr. Temple is the recipient of many honors, including the Lincoln Diploma of Honor, the Award of Achievement from the U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Illinois State Historical Library.

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CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS OF "THE GENTLE ARTS"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to a demonstration of crafts carried out by women in the Lincoln period, such as sewing, surface embroidery, crewel embroidery, lace making, and padded stitching. The demonstration will be presented from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 8, 1988 on the opposite side of Eighth Street from the Lincoln Home. The Demonstration will be repeated at the same time on the evening of Friday, July 15, 1988. If the event of adverse weather, the presentation will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The demonstrations will be presented by Hope Wright, who is an active member of the Prairie Arts Chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America, Inc. Mrs. Wright has carried out demonstrations at the Clayville Rural Life Center.

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LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

IMPLEMENTING A FREE TICKET SYSTEM

For the convenience of all visitors, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site is implementing a free ticket system to reduce time spent waiting in line for entrance to the Lincoln Home. The new system will go into effect on Monday, July 4, 1988.

Tickets will be issued at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. The free ticket will provide entrance to the Lincoln Home at a time specified on the ticket. This will eliminate the necessity for visitors to wait in line for long periods.

Tickets must be obtained in person at the Visitor Center; they cannot be reserved in advance. Tickets will be a different color each day. The free ticket system applies to all visitors, including bus tours and other organized groups.

The Lincoln Home and Visitor Center are open from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. every day of the week; these hours are in effect through Labor Day. Members of the public wishing to obtain additional details about the ticket system or other Site activities are welcome to call the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at (217) 492-4150.

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CRAFT DEMONSTRATION OF "THE GENTLE ARTS"

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SLIDE PRESENTATION ON

"LINCOLN HOME ARCHEOLOGY"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation describing archeological investigations conducted around the Lincoln Home and other Historic Site structures. "Lincoln Home Archeology" will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 21, 1988 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

During 1985, a crew of archeologists excavated around the perimeter of the Lincoln Home and three other Historic Site structures. Albert Brine, one of the archeologists, will use slides to illustrate how the excavations revealed new information about the structural history of the house, as well as the lifestyles of the Lincoln family and other inhabitants of the Lincoln Home neighborhood. The program will also discuss the importance of the archeological findings to the restoration of historic structures at the Site.

Albert Brine is a graduate of Sangamon State University with twelve years of experience in archeology. He has participated in a wide variety of archeological projects at both historic and prehistoric sites and has presented papers at several professional conferences.

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FILMS ON MOUNT RUSHMORE AND THE

BLACK HILLS OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films on Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the Black Hills of South Dakota. The program begins at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, July 16, and Sunday, July 17, 1988 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Mount Rushmore--The Black Hills" recounts the amazing story of sculptor Gutzon Borglum and how he achieved what many said could never be done--the carving of Mount Rushmore National Memorial. The film also depicts the wildlife and scenery of Wind Cave National Park, the colorful buttes of Badlands National Parks, as well as the unique features of Devil's Tower and Jewel Cave National Monuments.

"Four Faces on a Mountain" presents the history of Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the achievements of the four extraordinary people whose faces are carved on the Mountain--George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

The two films combined are 51 minutes in length. There is no admission fee for this activity.

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PRESENTATION ON

"FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, PRAIRIE ARCHITECTURE AND THE RESTORATION OF SPRINGFIELD'S DANA-THOMAS HOUSE"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a narrated slide presentation entitled, "Frank Lloyd Wright, Prairie Architecture, and the Restoration of Springfield's Dana-Thomas House." The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Donald Hallmark, Site Manager, State Historic Site, will discuss the history and design of the Dana-Thomas House and how it fits into the career of its architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. Dr. Hallmark will also describe the ongoing restoration of the house. The Dana-Thomas House is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. There is no admission charge for this activity.

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"FINDING MRS. LINCOLN"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program entitled "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview With Mary Lincoln's Older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, 1988 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? This dramatized interview explores such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of this program discusses Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband.

In the interview, Mrs. Edwards is portrayed by Lincoln Home employee Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts. Mrs. Winkelmann majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri and was active with the group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 15 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as Program Coordinator for the Historic Site.

The role of the interviewer will be played by Lincoln Home Historian George Painter. Mr. Painter serves as President of the Lincoln Group of Illinois. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters, and he is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family In Their Springfield Home.

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DEMONSTRATION OF
"TOOLS, WOODCRAFTING, AND THE NINETEENTH CENTURY COMMON MAN"
AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to a demonstration of historic tools which were used in the construction of houses and household implements during the nineteenth century.

The program will be presented Friday evening, July 22, 1988, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home.

The demonstrator, Mr. Robert Sherman, has a B.A. and M.A. in history. He has been active in historic preservation for 24 years in the states of New York, Wisconsin, and Illinois. His primary interest is the ethnic history of the people who settled the Midwest.

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PRESENTATION ON
POSTVILLE AND MT. PULASKI COURTHOUSES AT
LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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As a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Abraham Lincoln practiced law at both the Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse is one of the two original Eighth Circuit Courthouses still in existence in Illinois. In 1929, Henry Ford purchased the original Postville Courthouse and had it transported to Michigan. On the site of the original, a reconstruction now stands as a State Historic Site. The slide program will present the history of these two courthouses and their connections with the story of Abraham Lincoln as a circuit-riding lawyer.

Mr. Richard Schachtsiek, Superintendent of Postville Courthouse and Mt. Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Sites, will narrate the presentation. He has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for nine years; his work has included assignments at Lincoln's Tomb, Bryant Cottage State Historic Site, and Lincoln's New Salem, before coming to Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses four years ago. In 1980, Mr. Schachtsiek earned a Master of Arts degree in Historic Site and Administration at Eastern Illinois University. He is a past President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

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DRAMATIZED INTERVIEW WITH LINCOLN'S LAW PARTNER

TO BE PRESENTED AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon." The dramatization will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The dramatized interview explores William Herndon's famous and controversial biography of Lincoln, as well as his research and other writings, which are among the most important sources of information concerning the life of the sixteenth President. Both the value and limitations of Herndon as a biographer will be pointed out. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness.

William Herndon will be portrayed by Paul Presney, Jr., who has been active with Springfield theater groups since 1969. His activities during the summer of 1988 include set design for "South Pacific" and performing "42nd Street", which are both presentations of the Springfield Municipal Opera. In his professional life, Mr. Presney is an attorney with the Presney, Kelly, and Appleton Law Firm, as well as Vice President of Lincoln Land Companies.

George Painter, the Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, will play the interviewer. He serves as the President of the Lincoln Group of Illinois. Mr. Painter is the author of numerous articles concerning Abraham Lincoln, and is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION ON LINCOLN'S TOMB

TO BE GIVEN AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation on the history of Lincoln's Tomb. The program begins at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Lincoln's Tomb, an imposing structure in Springfield's Oak Ridge Cemetery, is the final resting place of Mary and Abraham and three of their children. After Lincoln's assassination in 1865, his body was interred in Oak Ridge Cemetery at the request of Mrs. Lincoln. The monumental tomb was dedicated nine years later. The interior and exterior display a notable collection of bronze statuary. In addition to the tomb's history, the program discusses the restoration of the statues and other recent activities at Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site, which is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The presentation will be narrated by Nan Wynn, the Site Manager of Lincoln's Tomb State Historic Site. Ms. Wynn has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for thirteen years and was formerly Site manager of the Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site.

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PRESENTATION ON

"THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation entitled, "The Reconstruction of Lincoln's New Salem." The program begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The presentation will illustrate the history of New Salem from Lincoln's time up to the present. It will focus on the period of the 1930's, when documentary research and oral history interviews laid the foundation for reconstruction of the community. During the six years Lincoln spent in New Salem, he tried his had at a variety of occupations and embarked upon a career of law and public service. Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site is administered by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

James W. Patton III, an interpreter at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site, will narrate the presentation. He operates the blacksmith shop at the Historic Site and is the training coordinator for staff and volunteers. Mr. Patton is Past President of the Sangamon County Historical Society; his family came to Sangamon County in 1820.

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TWILIGHT TOUR OF

LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a twilight tour through the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 1988, near the south entrance of the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

A member of Lincoln Home staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of the Lincolns' neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

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LECTURE ON

"LINCOLN AND THE ELECTION OF 1860"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Lincoln Land Community College history professor Dr. John Squibb on "Lincoln and the Election of 1860." The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Squibb will analyze the means by which Abraham Lincoln obtained the 1860 presidential nomination, even though he was less well-known than some of the other candidates. The methods by which Lincoln defeated his chief opponent, Stephen A. Douglas, will also be discussed.

John Squibb serves as Professor of History at Lincoln Land Community College, where he has taught since 1970. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and his Ph.D from the University of Wisconsin.

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FILM ON ALASKA'S WILDLIFE AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a 60-minute film on the spectacular wildlife of Alaska. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on both Saturday, July 30, and Sunday, July 31, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Wild Alaska" takes the viewer to the Alaskan wilderness to observe its wildlife and their struggle for survival. The film follows migrating caribou, views herds of muskox, and catches a rare glimpse of a life and death struggle between a caribou and a grizzly.

There is no admission charge for this activity.

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LECTURE ON

"LINCOLN'S CONNECTIONS WITH THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation by Dr. Wayne Temple entitled, "Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Temple will discuss new findings from his recent book on Abraham Lincoln's involvement with the Illinois and Michigan Canal, which is located in northern Illinois. Dr. Temple was commissioned by certain members of Congress to prepare the book in conjunction with the establishment of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, an affiliated area of the National Park System. The recently published work is entitled, Lincoln's Connections with the Illinois and Michigan Canal, His Return from Congress in '48, and His Invention.

Dr. Temple is the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives and a former history instructor at the University of Illinois in Champaign. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations. The title of another recent book by Dr. Temple is By Squares and Compasses: The Building of Lincoln's Home and its Saga. Dr. Temple is the recipient of many honors, including the Lincoln Diploma of Honor, the Award of Achievement from U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Illinois State Historical Library.

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PRESENTATION ON

"ILLINOIS HISTORIC SITES"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation describing "Illinois Historic Sites." The program will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The presentation will provide an overview of sites managed by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency which could be included in one-day trips or a mini-vacation. Bob Coomer, Superintendent of Historic Sites for the Illinois Preservation Agency, will narrate the program.

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"FACE TO FACE WITH BILLY YANK:

A DRAMATIZED INTERVIEW WITH A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program entitled, "Face to Face with Billy Yank: A Dramatized Interview with a Civil War Soldier." The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

What was it like to be in a Civil War Battle? Were bullets or poor health conditions more hazardous to the lives of the soldiers? This dramatized interview explores such topics, as well as training, daily life in camp, and the reasons why people volunteered to serve in the Civil War. At the conclusion of the program, the audience will have an opportunity to examine the weapons and accoutrements of the Civil War soldier.

Mr. Richard Schachtsiek, Superintendent of Postville Courthouse and Mount Pulaski Courthouse State Historic Sites, will portray a citizen of Springfield who volunteered to serve in the Union Army. For fourteen years, Mr. Schachtsiek has participated in a reactivated Civil War unit, the 114th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He appeared in the television mini-series, North and South, Part II. Mr. Schachtsiek has served with the Illinois Department of Conservation and Illinois Historic Preservation Agency for nine years. He is a past President and Vice President of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, and a member of the Company of Military Historians.

The role of the interviewer will be portrayed by Lincoln Home National Historic Site Historian George Painter. He serves as President of the Lincoln Group of Illinois. Mr. Painter is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home.

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LECTURE ON

"DECISION MAKING AT THE WHITE HOUSE"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Lincoln Land Community College history professor Dr. John Squibb on "Decision Making at the White House." The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Squibb will present discussion of the modern presidential structure and the processes by which decisions are made in the contemporary White House. He will also examine the organization of the executive branch of the government.

John Squibb serves as Professor of History at Lincoln Land Community College, where he has taught since 1970. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale and his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin.

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LECTURE ON

"A. LINCOLN: THE CONSUMMATE LAWYER"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Judge Richard Mills entitled, "A. Lincoln: The Consummate Lawyer." The presentation will begin at ^{1:30} 2 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Judge Richard Mills of Springfield is a United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. In the presentation, Judge Mills will discuss Abraham Lincoln's career as a lawyer, circuit rider, Supreme Court advocate, and "pro temp" presiding judge in the rural county seats on the prairie of Illinois.

Prior to his present position, Judge Mills was a Justice of the Appellate Court of Illinois. He had previously served ten years as a Circuit Judge. Before his judicial career, Judge Mills was State's Attorney of Cass County, served as Legal Advisor to the Illinois Youth Commission, and was a country lawyer at Virginia, Illinois, where his grandfather opened a law office in 1870. He is the author of numerous legal articles published in professional journals, was a member of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules Committee for 23 years, and served as a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, as well as on the Advisory Board of the National Institute of Corrections, U.S. Department of Justice. Judge Mills has received the George Washington Honor Medal four times from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, and in 1974 was awarded the American Bar Association Award for the best Law Day speech in the United States.

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PRESENTATION ON

"THE PIASA BIRD: A LINCOLN ERA LEGEND"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation entitled, "The Piasa Bird: A Lincoln Era Legend." The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Jacobson will discuss his research concerning the origins and history of a rock painting created by Native Americans at a scenic location overlooking the Mississippi River in what is now Alton, Illinois. During the Lincoln era, a legend arose concerning the origins of the painting, which involved a man-eating bird and an Indian hero. Dr. Jacobson will describe both the legend and the actual history of the painting.

Jerome Jacobson received his Ph. D. in anthropology from Columbia University. He is the author of numerous published articles in the field of archeology. Dr. Jacobson works with the Environment Section of the Illinois Department of Transportation; he was previously affiliated with the Illinois State Museum and taught at City College of New York.

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PRESENTATION ON

"A GLIMPSE OF GLORY: LINCOLN AT VANDALIA"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation entitled, "A Glimpse of Glory" Lincoln at Vandalia." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Judith Baumann, Site Manager of Vandalia Statehouse State Historic Site, will narrate the presentation. She will discuss Lincoln's career in the state legislature during the 1830's when Vandalia was the capital of Illinois. Ms. Baumann will also describe specific events in Lincoln's life during his time in Vandalia, such as the issuance of his law license in the Supreme Court chamber of the statehouse and one of his first public protests against slavery in the hall of the House of Representatives.

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PRESENTATION ON

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AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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DRAMATIC PRESENTATION AT

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a dramatic presentation entitled, "An Ordinary Day." The program will focus upon the day of Lincoln's departure from Springfield, February 11, 1816. The presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Lincoln Home staff member Judith Winkelmann will dramatize the activities of a Springfield resident on the day Lincoln left the city for his Presidential inauguration. The program includes a discussion of the personal meaning of Lincoln's Farewell Address to the people of Springfield.

Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts, has conducted extensive research on the Springfield of the Lincoln era in preparation for this program. Mrs. Winkelmann majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri, and was active with the group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 15 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as the Program Coordinator for Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

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QUILTING DEMONSTRATION

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a demonstration of quilting. The demonstration will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 12, 1988, across the street from the Lincoln Home, near the intersection of Eighth and Jackson Streets; in case of adverse weather, the activity will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The demonstration will be presented by Doris Krake, who is a member of QUILTS, or Quilters United in Learning, Teaching, and Studying.

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FILMS ON

ZION, BRYCE CANYON, MESA VERDE, AND GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARKS AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy two films depicting the features of Zion, Bryce Canyon, Mesa Verde, and Grand Canyon National Parks. The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, August 13, and Sunday, August 14, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"Bryce, Zion, and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon" explores the unique and spectacular features of these three National Parks. Within Bryce Canyon in Utah stand innumerable highly colored and bizarre pinnacles, walls, and spires, perhaps the most colorful and unusual eroded forms in the world. Zion National Park in Utah is noted for its colorful canyon and mesa scenery, which include erosion and rock-fault patterns that create phenomenal shapes and landscapes. Within the world-famous Grand Canyon, located in Arizona, the forces of erosion have exposed an immense variety of formations which illustrate vast periods of geological history.

"Mesa Verde National Park" portrays the remains of an ancient civilization that flourished for almost a thousand years in southwestern Colorado and then mysteriously vanished. These cliff dwellings and other works of pre-Columbian humans are the best preserved and most notable found within the United States.

The two films combined are 48 minutes in length. There is no admission fee for this activity.

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PRESENTATION ON

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The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special slide presentation entitled, "Lincoln the Lawyer in Logan County: Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses." The program will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

As a lawyer on the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Abraham Lincoln practiced law at both the Postville and Mt. Pulaski Courthouses. The Mt. Pulaski Courthouse is one of the two original Eighth Circuit Courthouses still in existence in Illinois. In 1929, Henry Ford purchased the original Postville Courthouse and had it transported to Michigan. On the site of the original, a reconstruction now stands as a State Historic Site. The slide program will present the history of these two courthouses and their connections with the story of Abraham Lincoln as a circuit-riding lawyer.

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SLIDE PRESENTATION ON

"LINCOLN HOME ARCHEOLOGY"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a slide presentation describing archeological investigations conducted around the Lincoln Home and other Historic Site structures. "Lincoln Home Archeology" will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 1988 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

During 1985, a crew of archeologists excavated around the perimeter of the Lincoln Home and three other Historic Site structures. Albert Brine, one of the archeologists, will use slides to illustrate how the excavations revealed new information about the structural history of the house, as well as the lifestyles of the Lincoln family and other inhabitants of the Lincoln Home neighborhood. The program will also discuss the importance of the archeological findings to the restoration of historic structures at the Site.

Albert Brine is a graduate of Sangamon State University with fifteen years of experience in archeology. He has participated in a wide variety of archeological projects at both historic and prehistoric sites and has presented papers at several professional conferences.

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LINCOLN ERA STORYTELLING

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy storytelling concerned with Abraham Lincoln and his era. The stories will be oriented to all age groups. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 1988, across the street from the Lincoln Home, near the intersection of Eighth and Jackson Streets; in case of adverse weather, the activity will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Storytellers Jeane Beaird and Steven Fay will present the program. Jeane Beaird has delighted listeners with her presentations in such locations as the Spoon River Fall Festival, Bishop Hill festivals, the Illinois State Fair, the Chatham Public School System, as well as a wide variety of other audiences in many different settings. She has attended numerous workshops, including the National Clown, Mime, and Storytelling Festival and the Illinois Wesleyan University Writers Conference. Ms. Beaird is an active member of the Illini Storytelling Guild and the National Association for the Preservation and Perpetuation of Storytelling. Steven Fay has a similar background.

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PRESENTATIONS IN OBSERVANCE OF

"NATIONAL PARKS DAY"

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a series of four slide presentations in observance of the seventy-second anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service. Both Illinois Governor James Thompson and Springfield Mayor Ossie Langfelder have declared August 25, 1988, to be "National Park Day," in recognition of this anniversary.

The presentations will all take place on August 25, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. The programs will emphasize both the fulfillment of the National Park Service mission at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and many common goals which are shared by the National Park Service and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

At 11:00 a.m., Robert Coomer, Superintendent of Historic Sites for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, will present "Illinois Historic Sites," an overview of sites administered by the State. Mr. Coomer will focus on the common goals which his agency shares with the National Park Service.

At 11:30 a.m., Dr. Donald Hallmark, Site Manager of Dana-Thomas House State Historic Site, will present "Frank Lloyd Wright, Prairie Architecture, and the Restoration of the Dana-Thomas House." Dr. Hallmark will emphasize parallels between the ongoing Dana-Thomas House restoration and the recent restoration of the Lincoln Home.

At 2 p.m., Lincoln Home Historian George Painter will present "The Restoration of Lincoln Home National Historic Site."

Mr. Painter will describe the manner in which the restoration of historic buildings and other projects at the Site fulfill the mission of the National Park Service.

At 2:30 p.m., archeologist Albert Brine will present "Lincoln Home Archeology." Mr. Brine who participated in excavations around the Lincoln Home during 1985, will describe the goals and findings of the project and their relation to the objectives of the National Park Service.

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MAYOR LANGFELDER TO PRESENT

"NATIONAL PARKS DAY"

PROCLAMATION AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that the Honorable Ossie Langfelder, Mayor of the City of Springfield, will present a proclamation declaring August 25, 1988, to be "National Parks Day" within the community, in recognition of the seventy-second anniversary of the National Park Service.

The Mayor will present the proclamation to Superintendent Gentry Davis of Lincoln Home National Historic Site in a ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m. on August 25 in front of the Lincoln Home at the intersection of Eighth and Jackson Streets; in the event of adverse weather, the event will take place in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street.

The Honorable James Thompson, Governor of Illinois, has issued a Proclamation declaring August 25 "National Parks Day" throughout the State. The Governor has given a certificate bearing the Proclamation to Lincoln Home National Historic Site; on August 25, the certificate will be on display within the Lincoln Home Visitor Center.

In an Act signed on August 25, 1916, the United States Congress established the National Park Service to manage National Parks and Monuments for the following purpose: "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

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DRAMATIZED INTERVIEW WITH LINCOLN'S LAW PARTNER

TO BE PRESENTED AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special presentation entitled "The Real Lincoln? A Dramatized Interview with Lincoln's Law Partner and Biographer, William H. Herndon." The dramatization will begin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The dramatized interview explores William Herndon's famous and controversial biography of Lincoln, as well as his research and other writings, which are among the most important sources of information concerning the life of the sixteenth President. Both the value and limitations of Herndon as a biographer will be pointed out. The participants will discuss and often humorously disagree about such topics as Lincoln's law and political careers, his marriage and home life, and the traits of character which contributed to Lincoln's greatness.

William Herndon will be portrayed by Paul Presney, Jr., who has been active with Springfield theater groups since 1969. His activities during the summer of 1988 include set design for "South Pacific" and performing in "42nd Street", which are both presentations of the Springfield Municipal Opera. In his professional life, Mr. Presney is an attorney with the Presney, Kelly, and Presney Law Firm, as well as President of Lincoln Land Companies.

George Painter, the Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site, will play the interviewer. He serves as the President of the Lincoln Group of Illinois. Mr. Painter is the author of numerous articles concerning Abraham Lincoln, and is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in Their Springfield Home.

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PRESENTATION ON LINCOLN'S LAW OFFICE

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a lecture by Dr. Wayne Temple concerning Lincoln's Law Office and law career. The presentation will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Dr. Wayne Temple will discuss the law office which Abraham Lincoln maintained with his third law partner, William Herndon. Dr. Temple will also examine the general development of Lincoln's law career.

Dr. Temple is the Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives and a former history instructor at the University of Illinois in Champaign. For decades, Abraham Lincoln has been the focus of his scholarly investigations. The titles of another recent book by Dr. Temple is By Squares and Compasses: The Building of Lincoln's Home and its Saga. Dr. Temple is the recipient of many honors, including the Lincoln Diploma of Honor, the Award of Achievement from U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission, and the Distinguished Service Award of the Illinois State Historical Library.

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TWILIGHT TOUR OF

LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a twilight tour through the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 26, 1988, near the south entrance of the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street.

A member of Lincoln Home staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

The Historic Site preserves twelve homes of the Lincolns' neighbors. The evening is an ideal time to visit the restored neighborhood and recapture the ambience of Eighth Street as the Lincolns knew it.

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FILMS ON

GRAND TETON, SEQUOIA, KINGS CANYON, AND YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARKS

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy films depicting Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming and the giant Sequoia groves of Sequoia, Kings, Canyon, and Yosemite National Parks in California. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, August 27, and Sunday, August 28, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

"The Giant Sequoias" will reveal hidden secrets of the immense trees that even the most observant visitor would not see. The film follows the sequoia forest through the changes of the four seasons.

"Grand Teton National Park" explores the wilder regions of the park and observes animals in their natural state. Moose, elk, bison, and brown bears are seen, as well as smaller mammals such as the weasel and marmot and large birds such as sandhill cranes and trumpeter swans.

The two films combined are 58 minutes in length. There is no admission fee for this activity.

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"FINDING MRS. LINCOLN"

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a special program entitled "Finding Mrs. Lincoln: A Dramatized Interview With Mary Lincoln's Older Sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards." The program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 1988 in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center located at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield Illinois.

Was Mrs. Lincoln the tyrant William Herndon portrayed in his biography of Abraham Lincoln or was she the devoted and loving wife and mother revealed in her letters? This dramatized interview explores such topics, as well as Mrs. Edwards' reasons for opposing the marriage of her sister to Abraham Lincoln. The concluding portion of this program discusses Mrs. Lincoln's later years, after the death of her husband.

In the interview, Mrs. Edwards is portrayed by Lincoln Home employee Judith Winkelmann, who combines strong backgrounds in both history and the dramatic arts. Mrs. Winkelmann majored in drama and the fine arts at Quincy College. She was one of the organizers of a drama group in Creve Coeur, Missouri and was active with the group for eight years. An employee of the National Park Service for 15 years, Mrs. Winkelmann serves as Program Coordinator for the Historic Site.

The role of the interviewer will be played by Lincoln Home Historian George Painter. Mr. Painter serves as President of the Lincoln Group of Illinois. His articles have appeared in historical magazines and newsletters, and he is co-author of Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family In Their Springfield Home.

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LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

RETURNS TO OFF-SEASON HOURS

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces that off-season hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will go into effect for the Lincoln Home and Visitor Center beginning on Sunday, August 28, 1988. Both buildings will be open every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

In order to reduce time spent waiting in line for entrance to the Lincoln Home, the free ticket system implemented this summer will remain in effect. It will operate between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. daily. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. tours through the Lincoln Home will be on a first come first served basis with no ticket required. Tickets will continue to be issued at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. The free ticket will provide entrance to the Lincoln Home at a time specified on the ticket. Tickets must be obtained in person at the Visitor Center; they cannot be reserved in advance.

Members of the public wishing to obtain additional details about the ticket system or other Site activities are welcome to call the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at (217)492-4150.

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THE THIRD ANNUAL LINCOLN COLLOQUIUM

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site, the Sangamon County Historical Society, and the Lincoln Group of Illinois invite the public to attend the Third Annual Lincoln Colloquium, in which scholars will present the results of their research concerning Abraham Lincoln.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 15, 1988, in the Carnegie Room of the Lincoln Library, 326 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois; the Colloquium will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Speakers at the Colloquium will include Dr. Craig Colten, historical geographer at the Illinois State Museum, who will discuss the evolution of Lincoln place names. Dr. Thomas Keiser of Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, will analyze reactions to Lincoln in the North, the South, and in England during the Civil War. Helen Crocker of Western Kentucky University will discuss English playwright John Drinkwater's 1918 dramatization of Lincoln's presidency. Richard Sloan, President of the Lincoln Group of New York, will offer a multi-media presentation entitled, "Lincoln's Assassination and John Wilkes Booth as Depicted in Theater Arts."

The registration fee for the Colloquium, which covers lunch and other expenses connected with the event, is \$15.00 for members of the Lincoln Group of Illinois or Sangamon County Historical Society and \$17.50 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to the Sangamon County Historical Society and mailed to the Society, care of Robinson's Advertising Agency, 308 East Adams, Springfield, Illinois 62701.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information regarding the Third Annual Lincoln Colloquium is welcome to call the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at (217) 492-4150.

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FILM ON

GRAND CANYON AND PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK

AT LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a film depicting the features of Grand Canyon and Petrified Forest National Parks in Arizona. The program will begin at 2 p.m. on both Saturday, September 10, and Sunday, September 11, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois.

The film is 45 minutes in length and explores the geological mysteries of both National Parks, uncovering the natural processes which created them. The experience includes a mule trip down the steep walls of the Grand Canyon. The film describes the process by which the Petrified Forest was transformed from a lush, tropical jungle roamed by giant reptiles into a mysterious and intriguing desert landscape, including colorful mesas and gem-like petrified trees.

There is no admission charge for this activity.

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TWILIGHT TOUR OF

LINCOLN HOME NEIGHBORHOOD

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to enjoy a twilight tour through the historic neighborhood surrounding the Lincoln Home. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 1988, near the south entrance of the Lincoln Home Visitor Center 426 South 7th Street.

A member of Lincoln Home staff, dressed in historical costume, will present these tours from the viewpoint of an 1860's Springfield resident who knew the Lincoln family. Included will be many anecdotes about the neighbors and their relationships with the family.

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FREE TICKET SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED

FOR TOURS OF THE LINCOLN HOME

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site announces the implementation of a Free Ticket System for tours through the Lincoln Home.

Following the restoration and reopening of the Lincoln Home, visitation to this Historic Site has increased by 42%. Due to the physical restrictions of the Lincoln Home interior tours are limited to twelve (12) per group. The combination of these two factors has resulted in long lines with two to three hour waits.

To alleviate this problem, Lincoln Home National Historic Site has implemented the use of a free ticket system. Entrance to the Lincoln Home between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. requires a free ticket obtained at the Visitor Center. Tickets are available only on a first come - first served basis. Normally all tickets have been distributed by 12:00 noon. The free ticket will guarantee a specific time for the visitor to tour the Lincoln Home. This provides the opportunity to visit other area sites while waiting for the scheduled tour. In addition, a video tour of the Lincoln Home is available in the Visitor Center.

From 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. an Open Period has been established. Tickets are not issued for this period, tours may be obtained by waiting on a first come-first served line south of the Lincoln Home along 8th Street. The last tour of the day starts at 4:45 p.m. The Open Period line is restricted to the number of people who can pass through the Lincoln Home by 5 p.m.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's.

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LINCOLN CHRISTMAS ART BY ARTIST LLOYD OSTENDORF

As part of the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site special Holiday observance, **"Christmas in Mr. Lincoln's Neighborhood,"** internationally renowned Lincoln artist, Mr. Lloyd Ostendorf will unveil 24 rare Christmas art prints. These prints will be placed on public display for the first time and available for purchase in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois beginning Friday, December 16, 1988. This unique print series is entitled, "The Abraham Lincoln Family at Christmas." A packet of post cards, based on the prints, will also be available in the bookstore located in the Visitor Center.

Lincoln artist, Lloyd Ostendorf, will autograph his prints, post cards and books as part of the Historic House Decorations Display and Holiday Open House 7-9 p.m. Friday, December 16, 1988 and again on Saturday, December 17 from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site Visitor Center, 426 South 7th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

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"CHRISTMAS IN MR. LINCOLN'S NEIGHBORHOOD"

AWARDS CEREMONY AND HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend a Holiday Open House and special awards ceremony from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 1988, in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center at 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. As part of the special activities, the Lincoln Home will be open for tours from 7-10 p.m. This gala 1860's holiday event will officially open the "Christmas in Mr. Lincoln's Neighborhood" display of traditional 19th century exterior decorations of the Site's historic homes. The decorations will remain on public display through January 3, 1989.

Beginning at 7 p.m., Mayor Langfelder and Lincoln Home Superintendent Gentry Davis will present awards to community organizations and businesses participating in the historic site decorations. Participants include: Buckley's Flowerland; Carol's Flowers and Plants; Flowers with Love; Grace Lutheran Church; Henson-Robinson Company; Illinois Registered Land Surveyor's Association; Jean's Flower Shop and Greenhouse; Lincoln Land Community College; Pleasant Nursery; Ralph Hahn and

Associates; Scaife's Flowers; Tom Hamilton Better Homes and Garden Realtor; Phil Wagner and WCVS and WFMB Radio in cooperation with Greenvew Nurseries. In addition, Eagle Foods, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Metal Decor, and Spinner Plastics have also made contributions to the event.

Internationally renowned Lincoln artist Lloyd Ostendorf will be present at the Visitor Center from 7-9 p.m. on December 16 to unveil the first public showing of a special series of his prints entitled, "The Abraham Lincoln Family at Christmas". These prints will also be available for sale at the Visitor Center bookstore. Members of the Junior League of Springfield, dressed in period clothing, will serve refreshments. Choirs from Grace Lutheran, Calvary Baptist, First Presbyterian and Central Baptist Churches will stroll through the decorated historic neighborhood singing Christmas carols.

For information about arrangements for tours through the Lincoln Home, which will be open from 7-10 p.m. on December 16, please call the Visitor Center at (217)492-4150. There is no admission charge for any of these activities.

